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'Support Armed Forces residents urged

borough gets set to mark 10am-3pm on Saturday (June 28). Armed Forces Day this weekend, residents are town centre, which will leave the being urged to support the Civic Offices at 11.30am, the BCBC, and the auth Armed Forces at a special event will include military, charity and council displays and stalls, a event.

Bridgend County Borough Council, Bridgend Town Council and the Veterans' Association have celebrations

As well as the annual Armed

fun inflatable assault course and military vehicles

Residents are being invited to ave sign the in Community Armed Forces inside Covenant

county Bridgend town centre between Carnegie House (former Bridgend Library), where the Hut 9 Preservation Group will also be

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of BCBC, and the authority's Armed Forces Champion, said: "Armed Forces Day represents an opportunity for us to recognise the tremendous contribution made by the military personnel from across

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Firm fined after worker loses leg in scaffold fal

WORKER who had no recognised training as a scaffolder, had to have a lower leg amputated after he fell from

unguarded scaffolding, a court has heard.
Andrew Gore (37), from Mountain Ash, was helping to dismantle the scaffolding outside a nursing home in Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend, when he fell around four metres to the ground.

The incident, in June 2013, was investigated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which prosecuted his employers, Mills Scaffold Company Limited, at Bridgend Magistrates on June 23.

The court heard that the scaffold, erected by Mills Scaffold Company Ltd, was three lifts high and Mr Gore was working on the second lift. Another scaffolder was on the lift above, passing down parts of the scaffold to him, which he, in turn, passed on

to a labourer on the ground.

Mr Gore was not wearing a harness and the lift was just two boards wide. The firm had failed to put any guardrails in place. Mr Gore had undone the swivel coupling at the bottom of a brace, which he then inadvertently leaned on.

The brace moved and he fell to the ground, causing severe injuries. Since the incident, he has spent most of the last year in hospital and undergone months later, when he made an insurance claim after he had to have his lower leg amputated, because of an infection following the injury. The company was issued with a Prohibition Notice by HSE in 2012 for a similar offence.

HSE's investigation found that Mr Gore had not been given training in the safe erection or dismantling of scaffolding.
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Legal error has been unjust to Armed Forces personnel

have no contract of employment or access to e m p l o y m e n t tribunals, except with respect to equal pay and discrimination.

The only other way to redress a grievance is via a service complaint or judicial review. When service personnel find themselves in conflict with their conflict with their employer the MoD, they have few options in seeking justice.

Last week in the

Commons I revealed that over 1,400 service personnel had been disciplined

over three years.

This all began with a change in the law which not spotted by military lawyers. A police caution is a warning given to people persuaded to admit to a minor first offence.

In November 2008, a change to Rehabilitation

Offenders Act meant that police cautions were considered spent the second they are issued.

The change meant that the army should have stopped disciplining soldiers who received police cautions. But, the Army only noted the change in September 2011, by which point around 1,400 personnel, some of them Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, had received a range of disciplinary actions, including loss of pay, loss of promotion, and even from the demotion discharge service

In January 2013, The Times revealed that the army was aware of the problem, quoting Army minutes of January 2012: "There could be potential claims from those Armed Forces personnel who have been subject to administrative action as a result of a police caution since Dec 08, in particular from those discharged."

passage another Army briefing said: "We are offering WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON is writing an exclusive monthly report from Westminster



In responding to the Times article the MoD said: "It is completely untrue to suggest that we have deliberately stalled on alerting soldiers on alerting soldiers affected by this. A number of options are now being looked at and discussions ongoing.

many of you I have been waging a long campaign about bullying and about bullying and abuse within the armed forces. In January, I re-read the Times article. It

left me wondering what options the army had taken so I began asking Parliamentary questions.
I asked what progress the MoD had made on addressing the wrongful

application of Rehabilitation Offenders Act. I was told the MoD was aware of the issue

and is exploring a range of potential options. In other words, nothing had been done. asked what compensation had been paid to the personnel

affected and was told no compensation had been I asked how many had lost out paid. promotion and was told this information could

be provided only at disproportionate cost; a common departmental way of avoiding

providing information.

I asked what steps had been taken to reverse sanctions and was told no steps had been taken.

asked how many personnel were out of time to make a complaint to the service complaints commissioner.

I was told that: a service complaint must normally relate to an event which happened in previous three month

As it is no longer the policy to consider administrative action against service personnel who are in receipt of a police caution, all personnel who have been subject to such action in the past would now be out of

PQs having failed, I submitted a Freedom of Information asking for copies of the minutes of the Army Justice Board meetings where the issue of action

caution discussed. The reply from the minster informed me that:

"Whilst there is public interest transparency service justice system, determined that on this occasion this does not outweigh the very strong public interest allowing officials and military personnel to exchange full and frank advice

Despite this, as does happen, someone provided me with copies of the minutes and I learned that 1,300 personnel had been cautioned; 246 had been demoted or denied promotion and, an unknown number had been discharged from the army.

minutes also The revealed the army believed that anyone who had left the armed forces would have to take the very expensive route of a judicial review.

This made me very ngry because the right to operate a separate military justice system is granted to the armed forces by Parliament. A right given to no other department of state. This was an injustice. As an MP I had been access documents which a journalist had.

Fortunately. the Service Complaints Commissioner (SCC) agreed with me. In replying to a letter I wrote to her outlining my concerns she said: "My stance has been that the just and equitable test does preclude a service from relying on its own failure to inform Service personnel of the correct situation.

"So, whilst lack of awareness that someone could make a service complaint may not be sufficient reason, a lack of awareness because a service has failed to inform someone that they have been wronged

would be sufficient.
"The three months in circumstances should run from the date that an individual found out the position and could make an informed decision on whether to submit a complaint."

I believe the army must track down the individuals affected and advise them of their right to make a confidential complaint via the SCC. The wrong

Rudi is out looking for glow worms



A glow worm's glow. PHOTO BY MIKE BRIGHT.

A naturalist Bridgend is out on the hunt for some interesting bugs this summer.

Bright, Rudi youngest member of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, can be found out on nature reserves in the evening looking for some looking intriguing creatures.

Glow worms are not in fact worms. They are beetles, and produce a rather spectacular glow and use their glowing bottoms to attract a mate.

A spokesman said: "On a summer's night, you may be lucky enough to see the small green light glowing in the darkness. Although the larvae and males can also glow, this is likely to be the female glow worm, which glows brightest in order attract the flying males.
Once mated, the female
will cease glowing and lay between 20 and 150 eggs under stones, logs

or vegetation. Rudi, aged 10, is on nature reserves such protect this glow as Parc Slip, near Tondu. example of wildlife."

YOUNG Rudi said: "Helping the from trust find out where the beetles are means that we the habitat to thrive in. It is also a lot of fun looking for them

"It's thought that the numbers of glow worms are declining, so it's important to find out where they are so we can help protect them."

The spokesman added: "This is the time of year to go out spotting for glow worms, from June just after dark and look where there are lots of snails (which is their favourite food) then you may be lucky and spot

"Why not encourage these fantastic creatures into your back garden? Simply create a log pile plus leave an area of grass to grow and you may see some strange green lights at the bottom

of your garden.
"If you do spot glow worms, it is really important to let your important to helping the wildlife trust to seek out glow worms centre know and help

AM'S SURGERY

THE Welsh Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding three advice surgeries next week.

On Friday, June 27, he will be in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm-3pm, he will then be at Gorseinon Library from 3.30pm-4.30pm and Morriston Library from 5pm to 6pm. No appointment is necessary.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 3) The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Partnership tackles the silent killer



LIVE performances by a school have been asked to take company are aiming to grandparents and carers. save lives across south

which is a mixture of drama and storytelling, to schools across the company's network.

Carbon monoxide is known with this series of theatre as 'the silent killer'. It's a performances, which are being Wales – with the help of pupils from a primary school in Laleston.

poisonous gas that can be held in schools across our storm and it is been innuation of the held in schools across our see children and grandparents network.

"Anyone can be affected by joining in and giving our cast a powered by gas or any other" Wales & West Utilities has becomes an automotive partnered with Theatr Na nOg to highly poisonous and causes take 'A Breath of Fresh Air', around 40 fatalities in the UK

orlytelling, to schools across a fair fairs manager, said: "We was also It focuses on the dangers of needed to get across a hard-grandparents."

a way that would engage such a performances, which are being

Gas distribution business fuel that burns. It's colourless, CO poisoning, though young Wales & West Utilities has odourless and tasteless, but is children, students and older people are most at risk. This around 40 fatalities in the UK play was created to target pupils every year.

Jaime Falarczyk, corporate invitation to the performance extended

carbon monoxide (CO) hitting message about the poisoning, and pupils at the dangers of CO poisoning, but in scriptwriter and director, said: Service on 0800 111 999.

"The response theatre the message home to parents, young audience. Theatr Na nÓg wonderful. The 'CO hakka has come up with the solution which has been created as par which has been created as part of our story has gone down a storm and it's been fantastic to run for their money.'

If anyone suspects CO poisoning, they should turn appliances off and open doors and windows to ventilate the area. Get everyone outside into fresh air immediately and call

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Car park demolition concerns

BYRON been done more quickly. "The council needs to regeneration Minister, questioned Borougn (BCBC) about its plans to demolish the Rhiw car park, after hearing that the redevelop to redevelop work to end.

When to redevelop work to end.

The tradevelop work to end.

Mr Davies, who is a them. Welsh Conservative "Yes, it may be good environments.

Regional AM for south for the town long term Wales west, heard from but that's little multi-storey, this is an market traders that being consolation to traders ageing structure that is deprived of this car park whose businesses have coming to the end of its for that long could finish gone down the pan in the off many of their meantime." businesses

buttener Peter Wood, concerned about the loss modern facility that is who is the market's of the pedestrian accessible and longest-serving tenant, walkway that links the convenient for everyone. said that the disruption to existing car park to the said that the disruption to existing car park to the the Rhiw and town centre Rhiw Centre and the caused by the most recent phase of Bridgend regeneration has resulted this walkway and add on

continuous disruption "Now, it is going to be created by the various demolished and not another round of work.

BCBC was awarded BCBC."
most £6m under the Mr Davies has also almost £6m under the Welsh Government's submitted a Freedom of Vibrant and Viable Information request to Places scheme. They the council about what intend to spend this will happen to the money demolishing the mobility scheme which Rhiw multi storey car operates from the Rhiw park and replacing it with car park: "I want to know a new car park and some how disabled people a new car park and some how disabled people housing on that site. using these mobility Other elements include scooters will be able to creating housing the second of the creating housing above shops and developing the Rhiw Centre without the walkway. old Nolton Institute, most recently occupied by McDonald's.

Mr Davies said: "I was difficulties caused to astounded that a three disabled people by the year timescale had been council's determination given to traders by to retainsation of the work at the Rhiw. town centre, their stock Upgrading work to this answer is to say that the area has only recently been completed following the last phase access. V

underlie the decision to demolish the car park, I Rhiw feel that the council is allowing too long a time scale and should draw up a tight timetable with said: "Regeneration penalty charges to projects are never easy, concentrate the contractors' minds on the results offer similarity. need to compete the results offer significant

need to compete improvements on work quickly.

"With the last lot of has gone before.

"A good example of Nolton Street, work undertaken, we nad the spectacle of this is Nolton Street, Bridgend's streets being which has seen a dug up for 18 months number of new with not a workman in businesses opening sight on some days. since regeneration work
Other days, there was a token presence. That job could and should have

"I appreciate the

to three years.

The three-year are dismayed by having estimate has been denied yet another round of regeneration sprung on communities

whose businesses have

market.

"The work to revamp in a drop of more than a spur into the back of the AM 200 customers a week to market was only should be business. 200 customers a week to his business.

He told Mr Davies that after 20 years of almost advocation after 20 years of almost after 20 years and cost almost £45,000," he said.

phases of regeneration replaced. What a waste and pedestrianisation, he of public money. You was not sure that market have to ask if any long-traders could withstand term strategic planning is actually going on at

access the market and the

"Every time people scheme provides them with access. Well, they must of regeneration.

"While I accept that structural problems may the structural problems of the structur their actions in the

Council responds

"The council needs to think a bigger threat lies be more forensic in its in not taking action to approach and impose secure the future of the realistic deadlines as part town centre – otherwise, Council of the contract from the we are likely to see a rise outset. Further prolonged in vacancy levels and

natural term.

"We are proposing to Mr Davies is also replace it with a new

"Of course we will seek to minimise disruption wherever possible, and it's nice to see that Byron Davies AM agrees that this should be a priority.
"The timescale for the

work will reflect this while taking account of the fact that the funding is available within a very specific period.

will regularly engage traders to ensure that they remain informed about the nature and timings of

When Porthcawl planned to be 'Brighton of Wales'



PORTHCAWL Dock closed in Journal of Tourist Resorts and posters 1902. Throughout the following 12 years, Porthcawl Urban Town Council, local businessmen, residents and artisans worked together to develop Porthcawl into the 'Brighton of Wales' (Porthcawl News 1913).

Due to their efforts, vision and financial support, the dilapidated dock area and fragmented commercial concerns way to a growing seaside resort. By 1914, Porthcawl was a town with ambition. Improvements were constant.

made to roads, amenities, buildings and facilities with the aim of attracting more residents and tourists to the town. Even the rates were reduced to help encourage more houses to be built.

By 1914, the population had increased to nearly 5,500; gas lighting was prevalent in most areas and motorcars had begun to 'overtake' horse drawn carriages as the chosen mode of transport. In June, Porthcawl was mentioned in the British

advertising the town were in evidence all over southern England and Wales.

eighties, which promised an excellent summer. As a consequence, tourist bookings had reached an all time high and residents were encouraged to let their properties or take in lodgers for the During the Whitsun Bank holiday, the Royal Italian Circus came to town attracting hundreds of visitors to the College Fields, which was the ground behind, what is today, the Seabank Hotel.

Studt's Fairground, also, attracted crowds to these fields annually. Concert music was provided in the bandstand on the Green, opposite, by the 3rd Cheshire Reserve Regiment, who happened to be

encamped at Porthcawl that June .
Since 1898, Porthcawl had acted as a visited the town for their summer training. member,

that year, Porthcawl was described as "

Canvas City."
Freddie Welsh, the boxer, trained at Easter, 1914 witnessed exceptional Portcawl in the summer of 1914 prior to weather with temperatures in the low his World title fight with Willie Ritchie of the USA

Mr David Lloyd George, Secretary, also visited the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club where he participated in a foursome match while being protected from Suffragette attention

• In June 1914, Porthcawl's future seemed, on the whole, full of promise, Join me in The GEM each month, as I relay Porthcawl's journey through a time of great challenges, upheaval, patriotism, pain and bereavement.

CERI JOSEPH, Porthcawl Museum

For more information about Porthcawl garrison town to a variety of Yeomanry, Reserve and Territorial Regiments who exhibition, or on how to become a visited the town for their summer training.

TIMES FOR BRIDGE

the half way stage of the choirs performed separately to a large Bridgend Male Choir's busy summer programme.

Already completed are performances for Marie Curie cancer charity at Trinity Church, Porthcawl and the Cantorion Pontyclun Ladies' annual concert at All Hallows Catholic Church, Miskin

Next came its sell-out annual fundraising luncheon attended by choir president, Paul Porter with entertainment from BBC broadcaster and choir vice president, Phil Steele and held at good friends, Bridgend Athletic RFC's first class function room. Two open air performances preceded the longest day, both with choir's music team will also add to the

preceded the longest day, both with fine, warm summer days. Mair's Walk, supporting Velindre Hospital, has traditionally seen those participating being entertained by Bridgend Male Choir at the walk

audience. All events were greatly enjoyed.

The second part of its summer term continues both busy and exciting for its 100 total choristers.

It opens at 7.30pm Friday, June 27 at Llantrisant Leisure Centre when they joins two other choirs to entertain an estimated several audience. With some 200 choristers taking part, the concert also features the local Llantrisant Male Voice Choir and the touring, numerically strong Dutch choir, Gemeng'd Koor.

The choirs will sing separately, with a few linked items. The Bridgend entertainment. Tickets (£8) are available at the Llantrisant venue and Porters Estate Agents, Nolton Street, Bridgend.

The following weekend, in support conclusion and bringing up the longest of Wales Air Ambulance, the Bridgend day, Choirs in the Castle at Coity, choristers are joined by

water voice clion, which is managed overnight trip south. The joint concert set 7pm, Saturday, July 5 at Tabernacle Church, Derwen Road, Bridgend Male Choir to compete at Bridgend Male Choir to compete at the set of the

separately items.

THE Summer Solstice marked supporting 'Y Bont', when seven Denbighshire's renowned Trelawnyd Ambulance shop, Adare Street, the half way stage of the choirs performed separately to a large Male Voice Choir, which is making an Bridgend, or from Gareth Reese, BMC

the choirs will sing the hugely prestigious Llangollen and come together for International Music Festival later in Tickets (£5) are the month – something which the the Wales Air choir was very proud to accept.

Paintings stolen

POLICE are hunting burglars want to speak with anyone who may house in Hutchwns Close, Sanderling Way area, or thinks they Porthcawl, between 11.30pm might have been offered the on Saturday, June 14 and 8am paintings for sale. on Sunday, June 15.

ar. Officers from Queen's Road via website www.crimestoppers-appreciate the Police Station, Bridgend, say they uk.org/give-information.

who stole two paintings from a have seen two paintings in the

Anyone with information is asked One painting was of an otter, to call South Wales Police on signed by the artist 'Michael Clark'; 101,quoting number 1400210206. the other was of a dog and would have been signed by the artist 'Index' and anonymously on 0800 555 111-or and anonymously on 0800 555 111-or and anonymously on 0800 555 111; or





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ABOVE (left to right): Paula Lunnon; Jeff Perrin; Andrew Singer and Alison Mawby.

KPC charity golf day attracts great support

Photos by MANDY THOMAS (telephone 07541 982794) www.mandythomas photography.co.uk

KPC YOUTH, the charity that works with young people in Cornelly, Pyle and Kenfig, held a successful fundraising golf day last week at the Grove Golf Club, outside Porthcawl.

The event was well supported, with 22 teams entering, and with teams coming to support the charity from as far afield as Cornwall and

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Mark Dyer from Barclays with two members of the winning team, Neil Butcher (right) and Matthew Murray (left).

young people.

In addition to the

range of activities offered every evening, KPC will be hard at work this summer

Bristol. The project of opportunities for local manager at KPC, Alison young people. Mawby, told The GEM the charity delighted with the support they had received, and said that fundraising was still a priority for KPC to keep offering the same level

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holidays, Mondays to Fridays, 11am– 3pm for ages 8–12, and ages 8–12, and 11am–5pm for over 13s. and Paula Lunnon, the chair of trustees for KPC, thanked Andrew Singer of Porthcawl Rotary, and Jeff Perrin

for their help in organising the golf day.

She thanked local businesses and supporters who had donated items for a raffle and auction, and also Barclays, for match funding the amount raised by the raffle.

The prizes were

The prizes presented by

Bridgend Barclays branch manager, Mark Dyer, who told The GEM that this was the fourt year that Barclays had supported the KPC event.

The winning team on the day were all Grove Golf Club members, captained by Neil Butcher, with Matthew Murray, Craig Jones and David Phillips.

In second place were the team from AW Electrical, and in third were a team captaind by Matthew Brace

The prize for the longest drive on the nominated hole was won by Matthew Murray.

After the presentation prizes, supporters were entertained by a band,

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Huw Daniel – Cycle path Blackmill to Nantymoel, Bridgend Installation of 12xA1 interpretation boards along the cycle path. Mr Christopher Rawlings – 14 Coed Parc Court, Bridgend Cut back overhanging laurel shrubs, remove plum tree and conifer and remove sucker growth of Horse Chestnut Mr Dave Thomas – 36 Westward Place. Bridgend – Heavy pollard to all field Maple. Mrs Cerys Murphy Orchard Cottage,

Church Street,

Porthcawl - Fell two

Cypress Lawsons to rear Lalley Knight -Tythegston Court, Tythegston, Bridgend Remove dead Elm trees and crown lifting of trees

Mr A Smith - 16 High Street, Ogmore Vale -Rear double storey flat roof extension and first floor flat to dwelling with rear garage. Mr Chris Howell – 47 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - Change of use from commercial (nursery) to residential Mr James Godbeer - 11 Victoria Avenue. Porthcawl - Proposed

rear extension.

BRYNTEG STUDENT

87 pupils from years at Brynteg Comprehensive School sat the annual Mensa High IO test.

Pupils were selected on the basis that they were performing to a high level in the core subjects in school.

The test cannot be revised for and success and is based on the pupils' ability to think and reason. The IQ score for an average person is

Many pupils who sat Many pupils who sat the test were delighted to discover that their IQ had increased from the previous year. This year, 21 pupils were invited to join the High IQ society. They all achieved an IQ score of over 148. This is a superb result as it puts those pupils in the top two per cent of the population for IQ for

their age.
A spokeswoman said: "Even more encouraging, eight of those pupils achieved an IQ score of over 156, placing them in the top one per cent of the population for their

"Incredibly, two year-7 pupils and one year-9 pupil achieved an IQ score of 162. Big congratulations to all those who were invited to join, and well done to all those pupils who sat the test.



Some of the pupils who scored 148 and over (left to right): Dafydd Thomas, Luke Davies, George Webber, Joe Davies, Jonathan Loo, Nia Morgan, Lewis Biggs and Matthew Bird.



Alana Edwards-Hann who scored 156.

The other pupils who scored 148 or over were Blake Dando, Georgia Catton,
Bethan Jones, 148 Hannah Pearson, 156: Cunningham, Grace Ghroum, Evan Laidler

In addition, there will

be an opportunity to try

medieval games and to

view the house either by

guided tour or simply by

The property will be

having a walk around.

open from 10am-4pm

each day on June 28

and June 29.

Ken Hinton,



Elin Obaid (right) scored 152 and Erin Kuhlmann scored maximum 162



Dylan Thomas and Halle Bletsoe, who both scored maximum of 162.

St John's House open to public o.uk/Home.html.

OFTEN described as 'The Hospice,' St John's House is situated in the Conservation Area of Newcastle Hill, Bridgend and is a protected Grade II listed building.

It is the oldest habitable dwelling in the town, Earliest date associated with the building is c.1500.

The Royal Commission has described it thus: "The crenellated beams at the hospice are the only known domestic examples in Glamorgan

"At the hospice, the architectural detail is not only of high quality but increasingly lavish timber detail signals the

hierarchy of rooms.' St John's House Trust has been formed with the intention of purchasing the property preventing it being turned into flats and making it accessible to

the general public.

As part of the trust's aim to make the house available to the public the house will be open on the weekend of June

Meibion y Ddraig/Sons of the Dragon will be at the house demonstrating their archery skills and equipment; see www.sonsofthedragon.c

MP'S SURGERY

OGMORE MP, Huw Irranca Davies, will be holding a surgery in the Pencoed Miners Welfare Hall on Friday, June 27 from 2nm-3nm.



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Local Red Cross volunteers go to a right Royal Garden Party!



Pictured at Buckingham Palace are: Neil McKay (volunteer from the Penarth shop: Janis Ottanelli (manager from Llantwit clothing shop; Lynda Stead (assistant manager, Llantwit clothing shop); Chetna Devalia (Llantwit F&E shop); and Rebecca (volunteer at the Llantwit clothing shop).

Royal Garden Party in honour

sponsored by Land-Rover on Thursday, June 12. Janis Ottanelli, the manager of the

Llantwit Major Red Cross shop, told badge. It was a truly wonderful day The GEM: "It was a glorious day and that will remain in our memories for we were very honoured to see the ever"

VOLUNTEERS from the Vale President HRH The Prince of Wales.

were recently invited to Buckingham Palace for a Lady Ogilyv. KG. Lady Ogilvy, KG.

Royal Garden Party in honour of the British Red Cross.

The garden party was to mark 150 years of humanitarian action, and was sponsored by Land-Rover on KwaZulu-Natal South Africa.

"We were given a personal Pou Memoire to frame and a remembrance

Newton pupils are in gear for 'Bike to School Week'



PUPILS from Newton school

Primary School geared up for Bike to School Week by jumping on research shows that nearly half Biking to school is a great way their bilters and contents.

said: "In Wales, the average distance to primary school is just 1.4 miles, which is the their bikes and scooters for a tour of the Porthcawl coastline.

With help from sustainable transport charity Sustrans and Bridgend County Borough Council's 'Bike It' Officer, the ride around Trecco Bay was organised to inspire children to cycle and scoot more often to their bikes and scooters for a tour of the Porthcawl coastline.

With help from sustainable transport charity Sustrans and Bridgend County Borough Council's 'Bike It' Officer, the ride around Trecco Bay was organised to inspire children to cycle and scoot more often to their bikes and scooters for a tour of the portal children want to be able to achieve all of these aims."

Henley Jenkins, Newton Frimary School teacher and Government — has trebled of sevenment — has trebled sevels of regular cycling to school, get fit, and save money at the same time. Evidence shows how children that cycle to school regularly are more active and better earners, so it's time for us all to achieve all of these aims."

Henley Jenkins, Newton Government — has trebled seven to hopefully excited to be schools in the five local holding a Bike to School Week authorities where the project is portugally are more active and better earners, so it's time for us all to achieve all of these aims."



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supported by Brynteg Comprehensive School, with more than 25 staff and students (including mums and sisters) taking part.

Between them, they raised a grand total of approximately £600. The photograph (above) shows

most of the group.

Congratulations go to year-9 Brynteg pupil Isobel Dodd, who won the race

(Article and photographs by Ms M Beckinsale, PE department.)



BRYNTEG SPORTS NEWS



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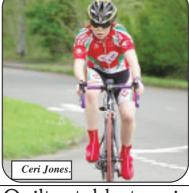
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Quilts, table tennis and a dabble day!

THE June meeting of Coity WI was
opened by president
Lyn Griffiths, who welcomed four visitors.

Reports detailed a very busy and successful month. There has been a visit to the Malvern Quilt Show, and a table tennis training day.

Some ladies attended a 'dabble day' at Cornelly, and the coffee morning friends made the most of the good weather and chose the Waterfront at Porthcawl for their venue. The highlight of the

month was probably the trip to Mumbles, made in glorious sunshine, followed by afternoon tea at the Fairy Hill

The drive through the narrow lanes of Gower was not without incident and will not be soon forgotten.

Events to keep in mind are the Scavenger Hunt in July, and the Carmarthen trip in August, which includes a visit to the Gwili potteries and Gwili Railway.

The speaker for the

evening was Margaret Rogers, who entertained application to volunteer as a 'Games Maker' for the Olympics. Of 250,000 applications

70,000 were accepted. Margaret helped us to understand the scale of the event, the number of events and venues, and the number of visitors who had to be looked after, suggested an amazing attention to detail.

This seems to have been key to the huge success of the games.

Our members were delighted to see the very special Olympics uniform, which included the grape and orange coloured T-shirt, the trainers with the red laces, and a number of other important items

The next meeting of Coity WI will be held at Gilead Chapel on July17 at 7pm, when Madari Pritchard will give a talk on Japanese customs.
The competition will be A Japanese Souvenir New members and visitors are welcome.

CERI JONES of year-10 at Brynteg Comprehensive recently took part in the annual GHS 10-mile time trials at the Neath Bank course in Resolven.

Ceri had a good race and achieved the required qualification time to secure her place in the team that will represent South Wales in the GHS final in Nottingham in July,

Ceri has always enjoyed cycling but had to wait until she was 12 vears old before she could enter this competition. We wish her all the best in the event and hope that she achieves as much success in the sport of cycling as did former Brynteg student Nicole Cooke

Ceri is a good allround athlete and will represent Glamorgan Vallevs in the hammer throwing event on July 5, 2014.

Ceri is also a team member of the Cardiff Amateur Athletics Club and competed in the recent hammer and discus events at the Welsh Championships in

Ben Keen FOR the past year footballer Ben Keen of year-7 has been training with Cardiff Development (part of the Cardiff City

Football programme).

During this time he was selected by a scout to attend trials at Manchester United. Bei successfully completed the trials and has been invited to train with the under-12 squad this summer.

Funk Force takes a step in new direction



YOUNG Maesteg dance coach has opened a new studio for her dance charity.

Natalie Davies set up the 'Funk Force' dance group in 2011 at the age of 17 and has now opened the studio in the Llynfi Lane area of Maesteg to encourage local youngsters.

She is also a Platinum Young Ambassador for Bridgend County Ambassador for Bridgend Councy Borough Council (BCBC) and has used experience gained through its Chest scheme which is managed by 'Young Leaders' scheme to help her BCBC and agreed by a panel of volunteers with support from Sport Williams (BCBC) and National Lottery funding.

Natalie, who is also a member of the Sport Wales Young Ambassadors Steering Group, said: "Having our own studio that we can access is such a privilege, because it means that we can offer more classes to young people in Maesteg. With hard work, Maesteg. With hard work, determination and a positive attitude, With anything is possible.

Natalie has been helped along the

Life-changing implant restores gran's hearing



Mary (centre) talks to Carol Llewellyn, hearing therapist, and Lucy Phillips, South Wales Cochlear Implant Programme co-ordinator.

A MAESTEG gran old Mary was referred to abroad. can now enjoy precious moments with younger members of her family after a cochlear implant restored her

hearing.
Mary Morgan lost her hearing following cancer treatment, which sometimes happens as chemotherapy can damage the hairs on the cochlea, the part of the ear which picks up sound signals and sends them to the brain.

As a result, 85-year-

Princess of Wales Hospital to see if she was suitable for a cochlear implant.

She was and now Mary's hearing is almost perfect. Mary said: "Having a cochlear implant fitted has been life-changing. Without it, I wouldn't be living, just existing. All I would be able to do is read.
"It's meant I am still

independent. I'm able to live in the home I built with my husband, meet my friends, go to the theatre and travel

"All this would be impossible if I couldn't hear. Having the implant also means I can hear my family, especially my great-grandchildren. It is so important to be able to

talk to them.
"Even just hearing the birds singing in the morning is lovely." Before they are

accepted for a cochlear implant, a Princess of Wales patient is assessed by every member of the team, which includes consultant surgeons, hearing therapists, audiologists and speech and language therapists. The Princess of Wales

Hospital team is one of only three in Wales and sees patients of all ages from Bridgend to Aberystwyth and parts of mid Wales.

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Cantorion Coety star in 'Choirs in the Castle'



Left to right: John Elfed Jones, president; Eira Paskin, musical director, and Gareth Waite, accompanist.

CANTORION Coety by the from period with their performance at the Choirs in the Castle event on Saturday (June 21).

The charity concert is a festival of local and guest choirs held in the grounds of Coity Castle every year, just a few steps from Cantorion Coety's weekly practice venue at Gilead Chapel, Spencer Road.

The singing from all the choire

The singing from all the choirs taking part was equal to the wonderful weather experienced on Saturday, and the large crowd received every performance with great delight.

Just a week earlier, Cantorion Coety had performed at their annual concert held at Tabernacl Chapel, Bridgend and the event was very well received

Coety by the full audience who supported the ht-day venture.

Cantorion Coety were extremely pleased with the high calibre of music and performances delivered by their guest artistes Megan Eleri Griffith of Pencoed, Rhydian Jenkins of Maesteg and the Junior School Choir of Ysgol Bro Ogwr.

The Cantorion Coety president, Dr John Elfed Jones, was present for both events and was well pleased with the performances of the choir, under the direction of Mrs Eira Paskin and with the support of accompanist Gareth Waite

The choir, in turn, are very pleased to receive so much help and support from their president.

Alun Roberts Iones



Summer exhibition at art society



PORTHCAWL Art Society's summer exhibition has been judged by Coun David Newton-Williams, and the results were as follows: First, Clive Callan, 'My tin shack'; second, Jeff Barnes, 'Porthcawl Lighthouse'; third, Tricia Simon, Eskdale Mill'.

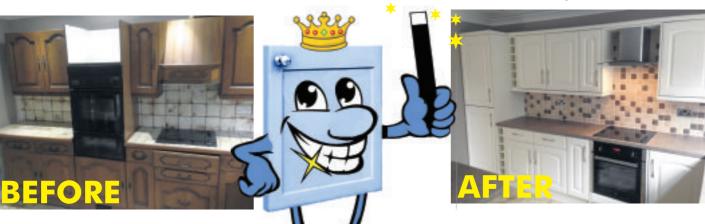
Most original, Wendy Davies-Williams, 'Ancient yew arch'. The exhibition will be on display at the old Police Station, John's Street, throughout the summer. On fine Saturdays, an outdoor exhibition will be on display.

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Primary pupils fly flags of the nations to celebrate Commonwealth Games



Paralympian Paul Davies, Coun Richard Young, Bridgend county borough deputy Mayor, and representatives from Sony, joined sports mascots at the opening of the Bridgend Junior Games.



ABOVE; Students from Bridgend College volunteered their services on the day and also showed their support for Team Wales at the Commonwealth Games.



Maes Yr Haul Primary School, representing Ghana, won the triathlon event.

the borough took multi-sport competition part in a mini that Wales competes in as Commonwealth important for the Games – as part of children to be aware of it.
the countdown to "With some of our

Bridgend teaming up for tag rugby, climbing, gymnastics, netball, triathlon and "I'm sure those

so Llangewydd Julions became Kenya, Heronsbridge adopted Morocco, Nantymoel were Australian, for the word Garth had the """ o'd like to thank Halo

and Halo Sports Foundation member Paul Davies, who won a table tennis bronze model. the London 2012 Games, was the guest of honour for the event along with Bridgend County Borough Deputy Mayor, Coun Richard Young.

Coun Lyn Morgan, BCBC's cabinet member enthusiasm for the Junior Games, and this year I

CHILDREN across Games is the biggest

Glasgow 2014.

Twenty two local schools competed at the county borough, such as annual Bridgend Schools triathlete Helen Jenkins, Junior Games in hurdler Rhys Williams and Large gardein Aled Recreation and team captain Aled with pupils Davies, the pupils have

teaming up for tag rugby, climbing, gymnastics, netball, triathlon and multi-skills events.

Each primary school represented one of the Commonwealth nations, so Llangewydd Juniors, so cheer on so che an be.
au who
in

day and Garth had the honour of flying the Jamaican flag.

Local Paralympian governing bodies for the control of the control o







FLAG FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

OGMORE Janice Gregory is all to 28.

She will be joining millions across the a special year. It marks country in marking the the 100th anniversary of day and hopes as many people as possible will World War. It is an take part in the Bridgend opportunity to reflect on event, which will include conflicts past and the a parade and the lessons for today.

opportunity for residents "I would encourage sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant.

AM is an opportunity for us recognise the showing the flag for tremendous contribution our women and men in the forces make and have on Saturday, June made to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

"Of course this year is the outbreak of the First

everyone to go along the Bridgend event and join Janice Gregory AM in marking this important said: "Armed Forces Day occasion."

Age doesn't matter in the U3A!

University of the Third Age is all about, and especially to explain the Third Age bit. The 450-strong off, as we are the frie U3A group in Porthcawl is all organisations you can imagine for wellbeing, said: U3A group in Portneam is an about informal learning... at a time always show tremendous in life when you've finished formal learning... learning (the first and second levels or 'ages' of learning).

think they raised the bar even higher.

"The Commonwealth levels or 'ages' of learning).

You may be retired, or just not working at the moment, but want to keep your brain

WE are often asked what the when you're just following an interest and offers 35 interest and skills groups such as University of the Third Age is all there are no exams, no failures and no history, languages, crafts, photography; it

Don't let the word 'university' put you

Annie Rance, a recently joined member, said: "I was amazed that you pay just £35 a year and can then attend as many of the interest groups as you like. There's no pressure. I go as often as I like and I've

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'That's Jazz' say young stars in charity concert

ON the evening of Friday, May 16, a number of pupils Brynteg from School took part in a charity concert at Y Dderwen School.

The pupils attend weekly rehearsals in select groups for woodwind, brass, strings and choral.

The concert began with a rousing start from the Bridgend Jazz Orchestra. Pupils from Brynteg included Jesse Goss on saxophone, Todd Dale on French horn and former student Alistair Noden on bass guitar.

guitar.

Another year-12
Brynteg student, Sam
Dalton, is normally
involved with rhythmic
drum kit skills, but could
not attend on the
evening. The dynamic
and very well rehearsed group performed memorable jazz numbers from 'All of Me' to 'Autumn Leaves'.

The concert continued with string ensemble performances of various pieces from West Side Story and Sister Act performed with precision and attention to detail. The string ensemble then accompanied the Bridgend Youth Choir in a moving and sincere performance of 'One



Day Like composed by the band Elbow.

Bridgend Youth Choir cello then performed other well directed and controlled numbers including 'Bridge over Troubled Water' by Simon and Garfunkel, 'Lullaby of Broadway' by Harry Warren; and Eric Clapton's 'Tears in Heaven'. Brynteg pupils concluded the concert in the Youth Choir with four sensational and include Oat Jenner and thrilling numbers.

British stop motion series Wallace and Gromit and a Bud Coleman number entitled 'Tijuana Taxi'. Two Brynteg students, Angus Gregory of year-9 involved. Da iawn! and William Donaghy of Report and year-12 both performed the trumpet parts in these pieces.

Further expressive and vivid performances were then delivered by the ensemble LIOIT CEITO ensemble other Cellissimo. The group is and led by Brynteg student obers over by Prokofiev, as well as by traditional certain control of the certain certa traditional pieces, were performed with

nctide Oat Jenner and thrilling numbers.

Nathan Williams.

The Training Brass three more Brynteg group then continued pupils, including Owain with two strong and Evans on trombone, exciting pieces from the Todd Dale on French horn and Alex Fox on trumpet.

gracefulness

delightful and Llangynwyd, memorable night was delivered by all students

photographs by Mrs D Clear, Brynteg music department

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS SUPPORT 'KIDS OUT' DAY



BRIDGEND and Porthcawl Rotary Clubs supported the funding for 117 school children to engage in the annual celebrated 'Kids Day Out' recently.

Activities were ndertaken at the Gower Heritage Centre. School children were linked to the Garth, Plasnewydd, Blaencaerau, St Marys and Afon-y-Felin primary schools.

The children learnt about the handling and caring of small animals, watched a short film in

local firm.

offering a

national

service.

Wales' smallest cinema paddled a coracle and created a piece of pottery to take home.

The successful day finished with a duck race on the water.

First, second and third ducks over the finish line gained their child sponsor a prize and medal.

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Mr and Mrs Watson – Sunnybank, Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend – Outline application for four dwellings.

Installation of Mr and Mrs Doyle - 6 Bangor Street,

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PICTURED (left to right): John Lougher, Clive Thomas. Coun Ray Thomas (chairman), Chris Champion. John Hanks and John

This year's first Vale **Show Champion!**

THE Vale of Glamorgan **Agricultural Society was** delighted recently to present Chris Champion with the annual award for **'Outstanding Services to** Agriculture' in the Vale.

He has worked for Countrywide Farmers in Bridgend for 32 years. During his working life, Chris has gone over and above the call of duty to help the farmers of Glamorgan, which is why he has won this prestigious award, a spokesperson reports.

Chris started his career at R Townsend, which incorporated Eddie John at Eagle Stores in Cowbridge in 1972. When Townsend was swallowed up by Dalgetty, Chris moved on to join West Midland Farmers on Tremains Road in Bridgend in 1982. The company moved to their present site on Bridgend Industrial Estate in 1988 and in 2000, Countrywide Farmers took

Chris is married with four grown-up children and lives in mainly his job and his love of gardening. He has an allotment at Coychurch Road and last year won the award for the best allotment in Bridgend - no mean achievement!

Chris is a previous winner of horticultural awards at the Vale Show, some of which he still displays at home. Not one to sit still, Chris climbed Snowdon a few weeks ago, a very enjoyable if exhausting feat.

As a coincidence, Chris was in school with Dave Tew, who won the Services to Agriculture award last year.
Things are now falling into

place in the organisation of the Vale of Glamorgan Show. to be

held on August 13 at Fonmon Castle. It promises to be an excellent event this year with a new poultry show, new-look horticultural show, new fleece competition and new Vale Farmers market food court, along with all the other exciting attractions the show regularly brings

Schedules and trade stand forms are all now available on

www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk and any further information can be obtained by telephoning 01446 710099 or emailing Nicola at vale.show@btinternet.com

Asthma Cymru advice session DO you suffer from asthma? Have you recently been diagnosed with asthma? Are you a carer looking after someone with this condition?

Age Connect Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, July 1 from 10am to 12pm where Asthma Cymru health care professionals will be available to have a chat informally on what practical and emotional support is available. Easy to read materials are available. No appointment is needed; just come along. Contact 01446 747654 for further information.

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months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up broken or damaged by replacing the pun the frames has grown rapidly as homosynery take advantage of their services.

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tradespeople have struggled boacstly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on oustomer care as much as they should have done We make sure we turn up when we say we will. do the job the customer requires and leave their house or class as a whistle often get comments back from customers on how they really dish's expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for. the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgesd, RCT and Porthcowl areas and Phil is finding that his

in his success. The much is there it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job bar also it makes good business sense... get a hage amount of business from friends and family of penals Fra

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ABOVE (left to right): Kate Thomas (Maendy YFC secretary); Lucy Williams; Ed Folley (Llantrisant YFC chairman);

Laura Miles; Gwyneth Thomas; Beth John; Tomas Austin and Hayley Leighton

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FOOD POISONING DANGER WARNING

'Don't wash raw chicken before you cook it!'

THE Standard launched a national campaign to warn the public Campylobacter bacteria, which can it. be spread by washing chicken.

bacteria responsible for around spread by washing raw change their ways.

Food chicken, as the water Agency droplets splash on to hands, work surfaces. clothing and cooking equipment.

People are therefore of the dangers of advised not to wash raw chicken before cooking

The call has been raw County Borough Council as research shows that 44 per cent of people always wash chicken 280,000 cases of food Coun David Sage, deputy poisoning in the UK leader, urged residents to every year, and can be heed the advice and

HISTORY TALK

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a John Prior-Morris on 'The Coal Owning Insoles of Llandaff' on Friday, June 27 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewar Road. Tickets at the door £1 (adult) and 50p (child



THE Glamorgan Young Farmers have had a financial windfall of more than £17,000 - thanks to carrier bags!

Earlier this month, a cheque was donated on behalf of the eight Waitrose branches in Wales and it was for the total amount raised from the Welsh Government's carrier bag charges.

A Waitrose spokesperson said: "Each of the Welsh branches had to nominate two charities or good causes that the branch had supported over the last year through our Community Matters scheme (green tokens)

"The Glamorgan Young Farmers were nominated by Waitrose Cowbridge. The same amount was also donated to the Gwent Wildlife Trust, who received their cheque from our Caldicot branch"

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Volunteers raise £800 for Diabetes **UK in Bridgend**

LOCAL have joined together to raise over £800 for Diabetes UK at Tesco Extra store in Bridgend.

The Big Collection, a nationwide fundraising event for the charity, took place in 328 Tesco stores across the UK on June

Volunteers, including Ray Hillier of Coychurch (pictured with his wife, Pat), who has had Type 1 diabetes for 70 years collected donations and helped raise awareness of

Bridgend's Tesco Extra inspiring. said: "I would personally "It w



weekend. we've support £818 for Diabetes UK.

had d a and weekend volunteers did a great job volunteers did a great job spreading some cheer in director, Dai Williams. the condition that affects found all the support the community came one in seven people.

Jamie Ledwell of customers really Big Collection in

especially was like to thank all of the good to meet Ray Hillier, volunteers we were able volunteers who gave up who helped with the to collect donations and

With their diabetes for 70 years raised proving that with the right support people with fun diabetes can the and full lives. can live long

store. As someone with said: "We are delighted Type 1 diabetes myself I that so many people from Bridgend.
"With the help of

their time to help collect collection and has been raise awareness of a donations over the living with Type 1 condition that affects the 173,000 people in Wales who have diabetes and ar estimated 60,000 living with the condition but who haven't yet been

> volunteering opportunities and fundraising opportunities

www.diabetes.org.uk/Get involved/Raising funds

at shop plans SHADOW Welsh outline planning application submitted for the former factory sites.

Welsh Tory hits

Mr Davies, who campaigned for the Revlon end of the site to be cleared after its owners left it partially demolished, said that he was pleased something was being done with this land at last.

"I have no quarrel with the plans for 125 new homes or for the Extra Care home," he said. "But I will not support plans to build shops here.

There would not be enough business from 125 new houses to justify even one convenience store but the plans state that they want to build both food and non-food retail outlets

"This would imply that the shops will be destination stores which will draw the life blood away from Maesteg town centre. "At this moment,

there are a dozen empty shops in town plus some empty stalls at the new outdoor market. And that does not count the shops which have been converted recently into dental surgeries, hairdressers, tanning and nail salons and take

aways.
"The retail base in Maesteg is shrinking and shopper choice is diminishing as shops have closed. Anything which takes more trade away from the town centre must be resisted at all costs.

"What was the point of the council spending more than £2m revamping the market if business is to be drawn more than a mile from the town to this former factory site? Yes to the houses and yes to the Extras Care but no to the

shops.
"I also have doubts about the proposals for a new pub on this site. There are already too many closed pubs in the town while others struggle on. I would suggest that the last thing Maesteg needs is another pub. Let's see some of the closed ones re-open.



PORTHCAWL'S summer exhibition was opened by the Mayor, Sean Aspey, who chose 'Sker House' by Wendy Davis Williams as his favourite. The Mayor's consort chose 'Scruffy' by

Mayor's choice at summer exhibition

BCBC on Facebook

BCBC launched a brand-new Facebook page, to "give residents modern convenient way to keep up-to-date with council news. announcements and events, as well as getting in touch with

Barbara Thomas as her favourite. The Mayor then

inspected the outdoor exhibition which will be displayed in John's

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hear that planners are recommending that plans to build shops on the former Revlon and Silent Channel factory sites in Maesteg be approved. Mr Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, objected to the

regeneration

minister, Byron

Davies, has said he

is "disappointed" to



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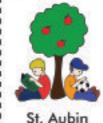
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Charles and Camilla heading for the Vale and Pencoed!

Cornwall, will be making three visits to the Vale and three visits three visit and Camilla, Duchess of

newly-restored Galilee Chapel in Llantwit Major, which now holds one of the most important collections of Celtic Christian stones in the UK.

The royal party are expected to stay for an hour. A walkabout the first place.

In 1972, while on tour to Japan, Incubation Centre, which now is planned, but no details have been released yet.

in force as Prince Charles running of the house, and a major directly employed by Sony. restoration project is under way.

Welsh War Memorial in Cardiff, The Prince of Wales will tour Sony's Bridgend factory.

plant since he played a key role in Raspberry Pi, a credit card sized bringing the factory to Wales in mini-computer.

he met Akio Morita and suggested houses 34 related start-ups who to him the idea of establishing a are able to access specialist

NEXT Tuesday (July 1), house in 2007. Since then, the employment opportunities in the royal watchers will be out

National Trust has taken over the area, with 340 people currently

There are four main areas of Following that visit, Charles business at the Sony UK and Camilla will attend separate engagements.

Technology Centre – the manufacture of high-quality and professional cameras and camera systems, Sony's main UK and European Customer Service and Repairs The company was particularly Centre and third-party contract keen for the Prince to revisit the manufacturing which includes the

been released yet. The next stop for Charles and Camilla is Dyffryn House and Gardens. Two years later, the original approximately 260 people who are factory was opened, and since based at the Sony UK Technology Prince Charles last visited the then it has provided considerable Centre.

Vale Ramblers are there for the Solstice sunrise



THE Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers put on an early morning adventure walk on June 21 to welcome the Summer Solstice.

The plan was to walk up Pen y Fan to greet the new day. Weather reports

looked good; in fact, a clear night was predicted. It was all systems go, and we met at Pontyclun car park at 1am before making our way to Storey Arms to start the walk

Arriving at the Storey Arms, it was obvious we would not be on our own at the top, quite a few cars were there already. Nineteen walkers, eagerly put on their boots in the car park, made sure we had our torches and warm

clothing. Del Rees had promised hot drinks at the top, so between us, as well as having prepared flasks, we were transporting gas canisters, portable camping stove, and

water up to the top.

In the distance, there was already a red hue and this was still only 3am, although Corn Du was still a dark silhouette until we got closer. When we got to the ridge, we were welcomed to a glorious

moon, shining bright and helping us to make our way. From Corn Du, we made our way Du, we made our way up to the top of Pen y Fan. The portable cooker was lit, and the kettle was put on to boil. Hot drinks in hand, we eagerly waited

to greet the new dawn. All eyes were to the east, as the sun made its appearance slowly. By this time, there were quite a few people on

the top. Some intrepid campers had carried their tents and equipment up there to spend the night waiting. We were all

enraptured by the beauty of the moment. Once the sun had risen, it was a mass exodus down the hill, although as were descending quite a few people were making their way to the

Thanks to Del Rees

for organising this expedition, the next such thing is in August when a group will make their way to observe the supermoon. I'm sure it will be as pleasing an experience as the sunrise was on Midsummer's day.

Further details of walks are available at http://www.valeofglamo

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Excited Dyffryn gets set to welcome the royal couple

by Frryn Gardens will local associated groups. We're Children from St Nicholas looking forward to a great day," Primary School have been said Geraldine Donovan, general involved in preparing the grounds. Cornwall next Tuesday Cornwall next Tuesday
(July 1), to coincide with its
dahlia trial centenary.

The rough country will be issued by the size of the property of

dahlia trial centenary.

The royal couple will be joined by the Lord Lieutenant and his "The"

"The"

Friends have been wife for a tour of the house and fundraising and supporting gardens, to catch up on progress Dyffryn for many years. It will be since the last royal visit in 2007. very exciting to meet the royal "There have been a lot of visitors and show them all the hard changes since I last took Prince work that has been done by

changes since I last took Prince work that has been done by Charles around the gardens. We everyone involved for this truly now have a fantastic glasshouse special place in Wales," said has done in the past decades with and productive kitchen garden and access into the house, all of which were derelict at that time.

"There's been tremendous work by staff, contractors and volunteers to transform Dyffryn as we build on the excellent work the Vale Council has done in the past decades with anniversary of the dahlia trials conducted in 1914; it was a hugely significant event in horticultural safeguarding such a significant role in safeguarding safedns and house for future meeting some of these people and tree dahlia in the exotics bed.

am delighted to welcome our royal guests to Dyffryn House and Gardens, our newest member of the National Trust family in

Wales.
"It is an exciting time for Dyffryn as we build on the excellent work the Vale Council has done in the past decades with

GATHERING OF AUTHORS

BARRY County Library will be hosting its authors' event - 'June is booking out all over' - on June 28, from 10.30am.

Anyone interested in writing can get advice from well-known authors from all over Wales.

They include local author Eileen Younghusband, best known for her book One Woman's War, on her experiences during World War Two; Hearts of Gold author Catrin Collier, who helped organise the event, and novelist and poet Phil Carradice.

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Barry Scouts & Guides

2014 ANNUAL FITTE

Saturday 5th July 2014, Romilly Park Barry - Gates Open 12pm



'PLEASE SUPPORT ANNUAL SCOUTS AND GUIDES FET

ARRY Scouts and Guides are urging members of the public and local businesses to support this year's annual fete on Saturday, July 5 as they are still recovering from the effects of the 2012 fete which was cancelled at the last-minute due to bad weather.

It costs almost £10,000 to stage the fete for Scouts and Girl Guides, and if the weather were to fail the organisations almost 10 per cent of the costs of running vital training programmes throughout the year

the nice weather last vear, the Scouts and Guides in the district are still suffering from the loss of income from the previous year's fete which involved having to use reserves to maintain their normal programme of

activities.

Steele, said: "Despite

"If the weather is fine and we can attract our usual audience of some 7,000 people, then any funds raised go direct to the individual groups. Therefore this year, more than ever, we need support via sponsors, patrons and on the day."

This year's fete marks 100 years of

the Brownie section. and the day will be supported by 1st Rogerstone Scout Band, Wales' only remaining Scout band.

Entrance will be via a lucky draw programme costing £2 which can be purchased from all Scout and Guide groups or on the day at the gates. Children under five go free.

Each programme purchased can be entered into the prize

1st Prize – £250; 2nd Prize – £50; 3rd Prize – £25; 4th Prize - £20 gift voucher for Cadwaladers Ice Cream Ltd, and 5th Prize - Barrybados

gift set.

The fete committee would like to thank all those who have so readily helped to organise this year's fete and especially to the patrons below who have financially supported the committee

Mr RCH Forbes, Mr C J Hicks, Miss JE Hutt, Mrs V Kirby, Mr DG Lambert, Mr B Marsh, Mr Colin Roberts, Mr P Walters, Mr J V Wilkins Mr K Williams, Coun F Johnson, Mr RJ Bertin, and Mr J Hardman.

Cathie added: "Please spend generously on the day and thank you for your support.

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WORKER LOSES HIS LEG: FIRM

Mills Scaffold Company Ltd of Church Street, Mountain Ash, pleaded guilty to a breach of the Work at Height regulations and Reporting of Injuries Regulations, as the incident was not reported to HSE. The company was fined a total of £15,000 and ordered to pay £1.118 in costs

HSE Inspector Hayley Healey, speaking after the hearing, said: "Mr Gore has suffered a great injuries. As a single parent of two young children, one of whom he has custody for, his life has changed dramatically.

"This was a totally needless

incident which could have been avoided if Mills Scaffold Company had ensured a safe system of work had been in place. And it was their responsibility to make sure trained workers were used on the scaffolding. There is dismantling scaffolding.

"If simple methods of work had been followed, levels of competency checked and good supervision in place on site, this work could have been carried out

"Falls from height remains one of the most common causes of fatalities and major injuries in the construction industry, with more plenty of industry guidance than five incidents every day."

Eight charities share in store carrier bag windfall



Armed Forces day

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Coun Nott continued: "I'm sure that it will be a particularly poignant celebration in this celebration in this special First World War centenary year. "This year, we are

asking members of the public to show their support for our servicemen and women by signing the Armed Forces Community Covenant. By making our mark. we can strengthen the community bond and say 'thank-you' to our armed forces in recognition of the outstanding work that they do.' The Armed Forces

Community Covenant in Bridgend County Borough is supported by voluntary and third sector groups and organisations, including all 20 town and community councils across the county borough. The partners have all come together to provide practical help and advice for local

services personnel. Major Wayne Morgan MBE, of the Bridgend British Legion and Veterans Association, said: "We have been very proud to organise and run the Armed Forces Day parade, particularly so this year with the signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant in the centenary year of World War One.

'The signing of the for more information.

covenant is very special to all our local armed forces as it demonstrates strength commitment and strong bonds from our local communities

"Bridgend county borough's veterans will be celebrating and commemorating comrades, both past and present."

Town councillor Bob urns, Mayor of Burns, Bridgend Town Council, said: "Bridgend Town Council is very pleased to have moved to Carnegie House in the town centre, where we will host the signing of community covenant.

"The town council has always played an important role in these commemorative events. and we hope that the public will show their support for Forces Day." Armed

As part of the event, a buffet and 'big band' concert is being held inside the bowls hall at Bridgend Recreation Centre at 1.30pm. Tickets for the buffet and concert cost £5 and can be purchased either in advance by calling Ted Williams on 01656 661585, or at the venue on Armed Forces Day.

To find out more about the Armed Forces Day event on June 28, contact Bridgend County Borough on 01656 643643 or20 to www.bridgend.gov.uk

ABOVE:

The cheques are handed over to representatives of the local charities.

EIGHT local charities have shared in the proceeds of the carrier bag levy at Sainsbury's stores – as part of the Welsh Community Fund.

The charities could apply online for a chance to have part of a grant of up to £500.

Sainsbury's Bridgend invited all of the successful

local charities in to the store to congratulate them on their award and to highlight the amazing work they do within their charities.

The charities which were able to attend were Mental Health Matters Wales, Maesteg Canoe Club, Bridgend County RDA Group, Sustainable Wick Community Group, Dewis Housing, Bridgend Women's Aid and Adoption UK.

A busy weekend for the Kenfig $oldsymbol{Hill}$ $oldsymbol{cadets}$

IT was a busy weekend for everyone at 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

It started at 8am on Saturday, June 21, when they all reported able and ready to help with the setting up of the field for the annual festival week community fun day. They helped the stall holders set up tents and chairs around the arena.

Throughout the day they manned the bouncy castle and carried out litter picks, keeping the area as clean as possible for the many people who had turned out on a glorious day. At 3pm, a nine-cadet

display team thrilled the

crowd with their precision drill in the Glass Heart Dish

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When the day came to an end and the crowds began to disperse the cadets carried on and helped empty the litter bins and did a general litter sweep of the area. On Sunday, the staff

and cadets attended the Community Thanksgiving Service in St Theodore church, Kenfig Hill. The Community Council's new standards were being blessed at the service, Cdt Sgt Morris carried the Union standard and Cdt Flt Sgt Maine carried the Welsh Dragon standard.

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IT'S the week of the Mini Burn event in Margam Park, which will see over 150 competitors taking on 3km of running, 10km of cycling, 1km of kayaking and a five check point orienteering course.

As expected, the family categories, both the under 10s and over 10s are the largest categories, so it will be fascinating to see family

team work at its best. This event is unique to Wales as no other event exists with this combination of sports where the whole family can be involved.

For those with very young children it provides a perfect day out watching our



competitors jump into the kayaks and splashing their way around the lake as well as pulling and pushing each other along the run and bike routes to ensure a good

The orienteering phase is often a favourite amongst families as they debate and negotiate the best route. At the end of the day, everyone received a medal and goody bag for their efforts.

If you're free this Saturday, June 28, why not come down to our event centre?

Bring a picnic and watch the action. It might just tempt you for the October event which is a replica of the June event.

Log onto www.burnseries.co.uk for full details. Make sure you join

me next week for more adventures and a race report from the Mini

'Lovely' GEM prize at nursery



FEW weeks ago, I was lucky enough to win The GEM Facebook competition and I chose to spend my prize at St Mellons Nursery on Barry

Island I visited the nursery and was extremely pleased with the plants I burchased, which were of a high quality and reasonably priced. The prize!
lady and gentleman there Barbara Entwistle, were very pleasant and

lovely coffee at the cafe next door, sitting in the sun looking out over the sea - what a pleasant Saturday morning.

If your readers haven't visited this nursery, it's well worth a visit and it certainly enhances Barry Island, with its lovely display of plants.

Many thanks to The GEM and St Mellons Nursery for my lovely

NEARLY NEW SALE!

THERE will be a sale of nearly new clothes and shoes at the Lesser Hall, All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on July 2 from 2pm-3.30pm.

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BÉACH CLEAN

'FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' will be holding its next beach clean on Sunday (June 29), meeting at 3pm, adjacent the public toilets at Porthkerry. All volunteers will be welcome.

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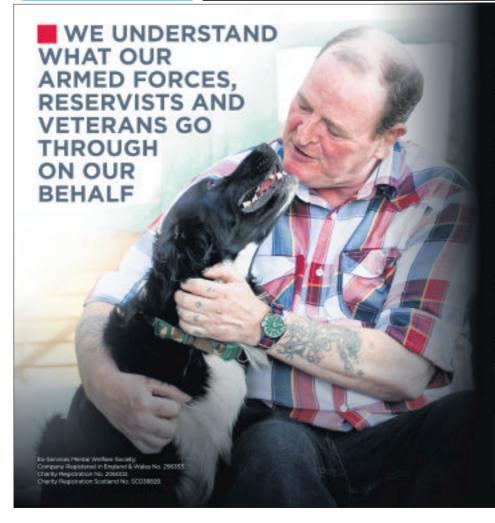
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IN MY SPA HEAVEN!

A special feature by GEM guest columnist CAROLINE SARLL

PICNICS, pies and pests - just some of the things we should all. apparently, be commemorating this month! I do a monthly broadcast with the delightful and marvellously maverick Eleri Sion on Radio Wales, looking at various awareness and celebration

This month includes National Picnic Week, National Insect Week and the glorious British Mud Week (hence the

In previous months, we've discussed the merits of National Tooth Fairy Day (whimsy incarnate), National Pig Day (the alternative to St David's Day) and the utterly fabulous Lumpy Rug Day (don't ask).
I have, inadvertently,

become Wales' leading self-proclaimed eventologist and am revelling in my new-found designation. Each day in the Sarll household is a smorgasbord of weird and wacky celebrations. Such fun. May 16, however,

was one of my absolute favourites. In case you had somehow missed this FAD (Fun-filled Awareness Day), it was, in fact, National Massage Day.
At a time when a

leading therapist, Gill Tree, is calling for massage to be available nationwide on the NHS - and as someone who enjoys the occasional remedial session, with Porthcawl

therapist, Vicky Williams, I popped off to two of our leading spa centres in Bridgend and the Vale, to sample the benefits of this time-honoured treatment, practised by the ancient Egyptians as far back as 2330 BC.

First stop was the Vale Resort Spa at Hensol, set in, says the website, '650 acres of private countryside'. Cruising up the sweeping driveway, amongst greenery so verdant and bucolic, I thought I had landed the lead role in Tamara Drewe, I already felt relaxed.

A good start, I mused, to this most arduous of assignments.
Taking the plunge (apologies) into this carefree, other-world of no-stress, floatiness and relaxation rooms (the Vale boasts three. including a slumber zone with lanterns and quilts – bliss!), I began with a quick dip in the shimmering, Grecian-style 20 metre pool, which I had virtually to

myself. Mental note: weekday lunchtimes are a good time to visit. A few minutes in the steam room and sauna, where I could feel the previous day's chocolate brownie melting away, then up the spiral stairway to

(spa) Heaven.
I was greeted at the reception, by a smiling therapist (one of 40), all crisply clad in white, looking exquisitely clean, buffed and professional, next to my still-dripping, rather bedraggled figure.

herself as Natalie

to the changing rooms, where I slipped on the ubiquitous white, fluffy robe, then waddled (thick towelling is not exactly catwalk) through a dimly-lit, sweet-smelling maze of corridors towards one of the 19 treatment rooms

Natalie explained that it was the Sundari room, which is where they carry out the Indian massage treatments. Their Sundari Odati massage was named the Most Marvellous Massage in the UK by the Good Spa Guide in 2012, which also awarded the Spa the deliciously-apt '5 bubble' rating. I knew I was in good hands.

'Sundari' is actually the Bengali word for 'beautiful' – and the room itself lived up to its name. The smell of enticing oils. A plushly covered bed, in rich Eastern colours and a Buddha placed on top.

A Sundari treatment

is tailored to an individual's 'dosha' or mind-body condition, of which there are, apparently three types: vata, pitta and kapha. I am apparently a mixture of vata and pitta, which basically means I am a stressed-out, frantic, whippet of a woman. who never sits still. Spot on. Natalie then explained that she was actually going to give me a Swedish full-body massage that day. The name was immaterial.

I succumbed instantly and climbed

on to the inviting bed. Dimmed lighting, a warm blanket to soften my crunchy, knotted bones and the ambience of an Indian temple. Had I had the energy, I would have pinched myself.

Instead, I lay, being firmly massaged and deknotted by Natalie's expert hands (and forearms?), with comforting Clarins oils, while I silently dribbled onto the fluffy towelling pillow (apologies to laundry staff at the Vale).

Seriously, it really was the most exquisitely relaxing experience and restorative by the bucket load. I did take some mid-massage pics of me (selfies. Gosh, I am so down with the kids), but I really do look quite demented with my oily hair and nose too close to the camera, so decided that an after-pic, fullyclothed, would have to

Me with Natalie and me with my other new bezzie, Buddha. I start dribbling again just

thinking about it. Debbie Searle, spa operations manager, was keen to point out

the range that the Spa offers: "There are over 50 treatments to choose from, with prices for massages ranging from £33 upwards. There are also many day packages. One of our best offers is the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon package – 'Me Time' and 'Chill 'n'Chocolate' . Both include lunch, a 55 minute aromatherapy massage and afternoon tea and cakes". Mmmm.

Lindsey Gibson, membership advisor at the Vale Health Club, reminds me that this month, they are offering the first month free for family memberships: "The club boasts just under 3,000 members and as well as the vibrant spa facilities and treatments, there is a state-of-the-art gym and 80 plus classes on offer, ranging from Zumba to outdoor fitness, to those who take up membership.

"And of course we have our two golf courses. Monthly memberships start at £59". Debbie points out that it is possible to access spa treatments without becoming a member. I, for one,

can't wait to return.
A few weeks later, still feeling replenished from the Vale experience, I drove slightly closer to home (for me) to the encouragingly named Tranquility Spa at the Virgin Active Club in

Bridgend. Set in slightly less inviting surroundings, on the edge of Waterton Retail Park, just off the dual carriageway, the club is, nevertheless, extremely inviting once inside, consistent with a smaller venue – a cosy

With an arguably younger 'vibe' than the Vale, the facilities are just as impressive There is an equally well-equipped gym and up to 70 classes a week, including Bootcamp Circuits, Dance Aerobics, Burn 360 (ouch) and the muchgentler sounding Mature Movers. With an old hip injury, I know which one, if any, would manage. Thankfully, no classes were on the menu for me for this assignment.

I had already spoken to my therapist on the phone, a bubbly, chirpy voung woman by the very apt name of Shelley Stones (hot stones massage? Perfect!) and she was there to greet me on my arrival, as perky and amiable in the flesh.

A much smaller spa than the Vale, with just three treatment rooms and one spray tan room, the club as a whole



Therapist Natalie Davies (left) with Debbie Searle, spa operations manager.

nevertheless boasts an equally impressive 2,000 plus members but it was quiet when I was there - again, just after lunch. This is the time to go, chaps, if you don't work nine to five.

Shelley, one of three therapists, gave me my robe – just as fluffy! – and I replicated my Vale experience by starting off with a gentle swim.
I was the only one in

the pool: perfect. Stopping for breath after a few lengths, I optimistically asked the lifeguard how many lengths I'd need to swim to make a mile "Sixty four", was the cheery response.

I fell somewhat (for

somewhat, read drastically) short of that mark, wanting, of course, to leisurely soak up the atmosphere... A few moments in the blissful whirlpool, followed by the musclerelaxing sauna and I felt ready to be pampered. Shelley took me into Room 1 (images of

Winston Smith in Orwell's 1984, flashed before my eyes - I was glad we weren't on the first floor...), a dimly-lit haven, with gentle wafts of relaxing scents permeating the air. I felt instantly de-stressed. No Buddha this time, but just as welcoming. Shelley asked me to smell two different Espa oils, to find out which one suited my personality and needs. Not surprisingly, I gravitated towards the one which

would relax me "You can tell by your choice what your body needs" said Shelley authoritatively, "and vou are clearly stressed". I lay face down on the betowelled bed (why aren't our own towels ever so fluffy?) and popped my head into the oval hole at the top, resisting the urge to gurn and awaiting my second dose of nirvana. I was not disappointed.

A firm sweep up and down my back and I was instantly in the Land of Dribble. By the time Shelley got to my legs – one of the best leg massages I have ever had, using



transported. This time. I also felt that Shelley was using her full forearm and elbows for part of the back massage, which offered, as in the Vale, a deep – and deeply satisfying – result. The final head massage was so good, I swear I grunted. The same "aah" moment that you get when you bite into a firm chunk of choccy. Heavenly.

Prices for massage treatments start from £23.40 with a 10 per cent reduction for club members. "Club membership" says membership coordinator Rhys Webb, "comes at £49.95 a month for individuals and there is no joining fee. July comes free if you join this month". Both experiences left

me feeling utterly relaxed – blissfully blobby, in fact. For me, an hour's massage is the sensual, therapeutic equivalent of a week's holiday - and clearly a

good deal cheaper. In the wake of National Massage Day, I am fully supportive of the motion being proposed to get massage on the NHS, although there are



Caroline Sarll in the spa.



ABOVE: Shelley Stones, therapist with Virgin team member, John at the club.

clearly more pressing issues to be dealt with regarding the NHS in Wales at the moment.

As someone with ongoing muscularskeletal problems (breaking a hip is one of the most serious bones one can break), I know how helpful this type of treatment carried out by professionals – can be. The benefits of

regular massage are legion: it can help or prevent physical and emotional stress, raise self esteem, help minimise the symptoms of many disorders and assist recovery from treatment and surgery

I will definitely be booking a few more treatments. All I need now is a free day, when I am not celebrating Be Nice To Nettles Day (honestly), Rubber Eraser Day and, my alltime favourite, Don't Step On A Bee Day (July 10).

Life can, indeed, be very sweet. www.vale-hotel.com/spa 01443 665888 www.virginactive.co.uk/ clubs/bridgend 01656 664160 Caroline's blog. Listenwithmam.blogspot



The Mayor, Mayoress and Coun Elmore with Tenovus staff.

The Tenovus ManVan wins fulsome praise

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun communities across the country to Howard Hamilton, and cabinet support men living with, or affected by, member for children's services, prostate and testicular cancer. Coun Chris Elmore, have praised the Tenovus ManVan counselling, group support and welfare for dropping in on Barry Island during Barry Festival of deprived or hard-to-reach areas. Transport.

motorhome is travelling to Welsh Street, Penarth on July 19.

The ManVan is designed to bring one-to-one counselling, couples rights advice to men who live in

The Tenovus ManVan will feature as The converted 38ft American-style part of the Penarth Festival in Glebe

Miss Vale of Glamorgan out to Inspire Vale



Jane Hutt AM with Coun Howard Hamilton and Zoe Hodgkinson.

of Glamorgan. Vale Hodgkinson met the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Howard Hamilton and Jane Hutt AM in the Barry Memorial Hall at the Inspire Adult Award events.

Afterwards, Ms Hutt said: "Zoe is keen to raise funds for charity and support events across the Vale. A hair stylist and former pupil of Bryn Hafren School, Zoe is enjoying her new role as Miss Vale of Glamorgan.

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HE FUN Foundations Day Nursery are proud to announce that they have been accredited core standard as an **Investors in People** Organisation.

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 Operational priorities (action we will take in pursuit of the

vision);
• Core values (how we will behave in good times and bad times).

Throughout the first year, the team have worked together with the Collaborative Compass embedded in everyday practice, with the goal of providing the best wraparound childcare in the

Following this achievement, Fun Foundations Day Nursery are going to start working towards a silver accreditation, with the assessor's comments in mind: "The achievement is a representation of the true commitment to staff and it is something that the entire team should be proud of!

The full report is available to read at http://www.funfoundatio nsdaynursery.co.uk/inves tors_in_people.html

to visit the Vale's market town than right now!

never a bad time to visit Cowbridge, but there is no question that the summer months show off this Vale market town at its very best.

Cowbridge has always been a town which encourages the visitor to wander its nooks and crannies. discovering niche businesses, as well as the many quirky architectural features that illustrate its

fascinating history.
In the summer, much of the early season planting that goes on around the town is now in full bloom, and it means that attractive vistas can be found just around any corner.

Similarly, many of the town's pubs, cafes and restaurants have outside areas, so alfresco dining becomes an attractive option – or perhaps simply a relaxing coffee in the open air, watching the world go

Cowbridge is justly proud of its market town traditions. The livestock market still takes place every Tuesday, and that market area is available for free parking for the other six days of the

> Classic Rock ★ Gospel

pride is much in evidence in the town.

Townsfolk are proud of the mix of shops from high-end boutiques to stores that sell everyday essentials – and from distinctive items for the home to traders who sell jewellery and arts and crafts.

The town's civic pride is best exemplified by the remarkable transformation that volunteers achieved to create the Physic Garden

From what was an overgrown abandoned nursery, a fascinating walled garden has been created, featuring plants grown for medicinal purposes.

When the garden was first opened, visitors were warned that, because plants which were introduced to the UK in the 200 years or so would not be grown in the garden it would have the effect of excluding quite a number of colourful strains

Well, as the photo on this page, taken this week shows, there is plenty of floral colour there - and elsewhere around the town!

All year round Cowbridge has much to offer the visitor, and its relaxing atmosphere

change from the hustle and bustle of certain alternative shopping centres - and the

parking is free. If you want to head home in a good mood after an enjoyable few hours – rather than gnashing your teeth at the frustrations of big city shopping - then head for Cowbridge.

After all, your general mood and peace of mind may not appear on the bill, but it really matters!



ABOVE: Parts of the Physic Garden in the town are a blaze of colour.

RIGHT:

A floral display Spirit of Provence arrives at Beagles

nternational beauty brand L'Occitane has finally arrived in Cowbridge thanks to Beagles Country Store's owner Člaire

Donovan. L'Occitane, which produces products for men and women, is known for providing premium, natural-based bath, body and skincare using traditional production methods.

Claire has just received her first delivery, which includes L'Occitane's Shea Butter Hand Cream (£19) which is an international

best-seller with one being sold every three seconds! Beagles is marking the event with a fantastic offer: just bring this article with you to get a whopping 20 per cent reduction off any L'Occitane product bought on the day.

Beagles, which stocks country clothing, accessories and homewares, alongside the L'Occitane products, is continually adding to the range of labels which includes Really Wild Clothing, Avoca, and Holland Cooper.

It has gone from strength to strength in the six months it has been open and is proud to be an independent. Welsh business in the heart of Cowbridge.

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St Aubin celebrates a top nursery award



HE St Aubin nurseries are "delighted" after being voted the National Day Nurseries Association's Welsh nursery of the year 2014 in Cowbridge.

A spokeswoman said. "Having also won the award in 2012 at the Cowbridge Road nursery in Canton, we were overjoyed that the newest addition to our nursery family has been recognised for the exceptional learning opportunities and fantastic

provision they offer.

"The judges were impressed by the child-led approach to learning, the empowerment of the children to make choices and become independent thinkers whilst exploring the many large and inviting spaces open to them, they report.
"St Aubin's'main ethos of the child

being at the centre of nursery life, together with over 25 years' experience in childcare, ensures that every one of our children has the very best start in life.

First West Band at 'The Duke

VALE Church is hosting the 'First West Band' for the third year at the Duke of Wellington,

Cowbridge on July 1 at 7.30pm.

This has been a well attended event and we hope to see you all again.

FWB visit the Bridgend area for a week each year but the Duke has become a favourite venue for them.

You can follow the various events on Facebook at the Bridgend Louisianna Partnership.

We are also pleased to announce that Team Impact will be with them again. Entry to the event is free and the bar will be open.

FWB are first class musicians and probably one of the best bands you will ever hear in Cowbridge. It is a family friendly event, so no need to book a baby-sitter. For further information contact Alun on 07538

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Walk a Country Mile' for Prince of Wales' cause

WALKING is as close to 'free' as it gets. You don't need fancy shoes, or clothes, or equipment.

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During National Countryside Week (July 14 – 20) you can Walk a Country Mile to support and raise funds for The Prince's Countryside Fund, which is supported by Tindle Newspapers, owners of The GEM.

Taking a short walk is not only fun, but will make us mindful of the importance of the countryside, and give pause to consider how we support those who work to conserve it.

National Countryside Week is run by The Prince's Countryside Fund to raise awareness of the importance of the countryside to the UK.

What makes the fund unique is that it doesn't support the environment, buildings or wildlife but the people who manage and maintain the countryside.

The Prince of Wales recognised the crisis facing our rural communities and as a result set up The Prince's Countryside Fund to provide support to the multitude of remarkable organisations and individuals working tirelessly to keep farmers farming and our rural communities alive.

He said: "The British countryside is

the unacknowledged backbone of our national identity. It is as precious as any of our great cathedrals and we erode it at our peril."

A spokesman for The Prince's Countryside Fund said: "Walking is simple and easy – you could go for a walk in your local park or visit your nearest national park. You could take a walk around your local village, or head to the hills and explore some of our amazing natural scenery. Ideally, you will get a small group together and download one of our online maps so you can explore vour local countryside.

'A country mile can be any distance so if you only make it to the local village

can achieve something."

The Prince's Countryside Fund is addressing a number of issues affecting the countryside by giving grants to organisations and initiatives across the UK to help create and sustain a thriving rural community, from apprentice hill farmer schemes in Cumbria – as many of these skills are in short supply - to supporting community shops; from encouraging pubs to be the hub of their communities, to supporting school farms; from helping women set up in business in rural areas, to supporting Young Farmers' Clubs with training schemes.

In just three and a half years, the fund has given £3.8m to over 90 projects touching the lives of 64,000 people.

• To register your support for the campaign, and make a suggested £3 donation, please visit www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk.

Once you have signed up, you will receive an email with maps, ideas, tips and suggestions, plus information on where your donation will go and who is

Residents warned of council tax 'scam'

Glamorgan Trading Standards officers possession of important bank or credit card Standards officers are warning residents of a scam involving calls offering to reduce council tax bills.

Callers claim to be able to do this as the house may be in the wrong band. They also ay refunds can be claimed for previous overpayments.

They request payment details to process a £50 upfront fee to open the file. but the council warns: "Residents should be aware that if their property is in the wrong band it can be corrected, free of charge by contacting the Valuation Office on

03000 505505. " In addition, some of the properties involved were in the lowest priced band 'A' and could not possibly have bills reduced.

"It is not clear whether any reduction is ever obtained for residents, but the details.'

Principal Trading Standards Officer Christina Roberts-Kinsey commented: "Vale residents are urged to refrain from offering important data such as bank details to anyone,

unless they are completely sure that it is safe to do so. "If you are in any

doubt or you require information relating to your council tax account, you are advised to contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council Tax Section on 01446 700111

Residents who have already given their account details over the phone are advised to contact their banks as soon as possible.

If you believe you've

received a similar call. report it to Citizens' Advice, on 08454 04 05 06. This information is immediately sent to the council's Trading Standards service

WHAT'S ON AND

WHERE / in brief

Tea party
CADOXTON Youth Project will host a
'Blooming Great Tea Party' in aid of Marie
Curie, at Cadoxton Royal Gardens at the top of
Main Street on June 26 – 27 (2pm – 5pm).

All are welcome; activities for all the family.

Nearly new

NEARLY New Sale of baby, toddler, child and maternity items, this Saturday (June 28) at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry. Free entry.

Refreshments and homemade cakes also on sale Supporting Barry Milk Mates.

Valeways guided walks
ON Tuesday, July 1, Hoffi Coffi meet at Coffee
Cove Cafe on Barry Island at 10am. On July 2,

the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Romilly Cafe Cold Knap, Barry at 10.30am. July 5, for the

Llanblethian History Trail meet in The Cross Inn, Llanblethian, at 4pm.

Local Foodbank volunteers praised



Coun Chris Franks (left) Chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, with Mike Groves of the Vale Foodbank, and helpers.

BETHESDA food. A typical box hungry can be fed. There Chapel is the base would contain long life is for the local Food milk, sugar, fruit juice, financial support for pasta sauce, soup, tins, these schemes; they rely rice puddings and on the generosity of the Powys and has a cereals.

Foodbanks in the Vale workers sorting out the donations of food provided

Coun Chris Franks, Chair of Dinas Powys
Community

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Coun Franks Community Council, "Thanks to the wonderful Penarth from 9am to visited the centre to work of foodbanks the 5pm."

thank the volunteers for all their hard work.

He met Mr Mike
Groves the local coordinator, who explained how the organisation needed to collect, sort and distribute supplies of food.

Each foodbox contains minimum of three nutritionally balanced non perishable

Beach clean 'FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' will be holding its next beach clean this Sunday, June 29, meeting at 3pm adjacent the public toilets at Porthkerry.

All volunteers will be welcome.

by centre opened in Holton Road, in addition to the

government public. "The

scheme quietly have seen a huge growth created by the Trussell ut the in need for their services Trust and the number of food in recent times. A new centres has risen dramatically over the years. There are to be food collections at main Tesco supermarkets on July 4, 5, 6, in Barry and

Council backs anti-violence white ribbon

THE Vale Council presented has pledged support organisations for the towards women.

With partners Atal y Fro and the Probation Trust, the council has led reducing incidents of successful projects, domestic violence. including the One Stop Shop at Cadoxton House and the Sanctuary Referral Scheme.

Campaign Award, abuse.

White demonstrate commitment Ribbon Campaign to the campaign by (WRC), which aims addressing social norms to eradicate violence that lead to violent behaviour, increasing awareness, and providing services

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N AM SEEKS ACT N PORTHCAWL

THE Natural Resources Minister has been asked to intervene in the row over thousands of tonnes of silt dumped in Porthcawl.

Suzy Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales

west, contacted Alun Davies AM to ask him to use whatever powers he has to force BCBC to remove the 15,000 tonnes of silt, plus a further 100 tonnes of building rubble dumped on Salt Lake

The silt was dredged from the harbour and has been found to contain a number of chemicals and other

She pointed out that the council said last week its preferred option is to retain the waste on site, where it will spread it and plant it with wild flowers until it is needed as infill for building work on the site

But in her letter, Mrs Davies, who is Shadow minister for tourism,

claimed the council had breached its own planning conditions.

She stated: "There is no sign of the waste being moved on even now

"Its location means it is an evesore in a town whose economy is based on tourism

The council has tried to reassure

contamination levels are below the necessary threshold for safety but as time goes on. people are becoming less certain about what kind of chemical changes may be taking place

She asked him to see what enforcement powers lie with him and also with Natural Resources Wales to get rid of the waste

Suzy Davies has also been in touch directly with Natural Resources Wales asking them to investigate the position in Porthcawl urgently.

In a reply from the district operations team manager, she was told that as she has now raised this matter with Natural Resources Wales directly, they will investigate the condition of the silt and speak to BCBC about its intended use.
Mrs Davies added: "I

have asked them to treat this as a matter of urgency. BCBC is saying that they want to retain the silt in situ but I understand that the landowners may consider legal action unless this is removed in accordance with the agreement between the two parties

they incurred on the work at the harbour'

"The cost of moving this silt and taking it to a proper disposal site has been put at £250,000 by the council and if they had to take this route, that would add further to the £890,000 overspend

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at 1.30pm. PYLE/CEFN PACT, July 24 at Cenf Cribwr Rubgy Club at 6.30pm.

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The shop opened on April 5 and to celebrate its first year in business is holding a raffle for all those who have bought a wedding dress: the winner will enjoy a week at a villa in the Algarve - the draw to be made in December.

The photo studio is a convenient location for a family or individual portrait.

ANNIVERSARY

One entrepreneur who is glad she made the move to Park Crescent is Holly Bennett - her ABOVE: Florantina Florists delivers in Barry and beauty boutique venture BLush celebrated its

first anniversary on May 4.

Holly told The GEM: "The first year has been really good - even better than I expected.

"Over the last 13 months we've established a wide and varied customer base."

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ABOVE: Holly Bennett and Zoe O'Brien of beauty clinic BLush provide a huge range of



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Alison said: "We have celebrated five years, and started with the agency which provides 'home boarding' for dogs, so they don't have to go to kennels, which can be stressful. Instead. they can go to a carer's

"We also provide dog walking, house visiting for smaller animals, or homes with multiple pets – everyone is CRB checked."

Alison's well-stocked store My Favourite Pet, is open from Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm, and on Wednesday there is a half day from 9am to 1pm. It has a great range of

accessories, including

toys.
It also has a range of specialist dog foods – Royal Canin, Burns, fish4dogs, Barking Heads, James Welbeloved and Nature's: menu – the sorts of brands you can't always get in the

supermarkets. The store also supplies other animal foods, including bird seeds.

Alison moved dog grooming next door to 'Sleek & Chic' creating a state-of-the-art facility (and making her pet store that bit bigger).

"The salon is light, airy and airconditioned – the dogs find it enjoyable. We have six professional groomers. Cuts for groomers. Cuts for small dogs start at £18, but it depends on the size – a cocker spaniel would be £30," said Alison.

Those niche businesses you just can't do without!

Crescent is its 'niche businesses', which provide essential services we can't do without.

Barry Security Centre and ocksmiths moved to Park Crescent from the centre of the town in 2008 and hasn't ooked back. Matt Cullen said:

"We used to be alongside the Theatre Royal, but were forced out. In the long term, it has worked for us. We deal in domestic and commercial alarms.
"I do free estimates

at which I can assess a customer's needs."

Matt travels as far afield as the rural Vale, Cardiff, Cowbridge and St Athan. He's even got a 10 per cent discount running on domestic alarm installations. DEMON BARBERS

A couple of doors awav is Demon Barbers, run by Steve

Jones and his team. Steve said: "We are a gents' hairdressers and are open from Monday to Saturday, closing at 5pm in the week and 4.30pm on Saturdays."

Sue Davies of 'Cutting it by Sue', refurbishment.

Sue has 11 years of haidresssing experience on Park Crescent – people like the friendly atmosphere that she

and Charlotte provide Sarah's Fresh Fruit & Veg has all the essentials for everyday life – fruit and veg (of course!) bread, milk, tinned food, cereals. toilet rolls, biscuits.



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Matt Cullen of Barry Security Centre & Locksmiths, is located on Park Crescent and just a call away.

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Warm welcome at The Park Hotel



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NEW WORK AT LOCAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

A NEW project by Beyond the exciting new project. Border, Wales' international "Each day, the stor storytelling festival will be feeling. I can't wait to bring it over to unveiled during the festival in Beyond the Border." St Donats next month.

'Peredur Rides Again' features Welsh storyteller Michael Harvey, leading contemporary French storyteller Marien Tillet, and French jazz saxophonist Alexandra Grimal, who counts the National Jazz Orchestra of France among her bands.

A festival spokesman said: "The show will be directed by Abbi Patrix and will take storytelling into places it has not been before"

Peredur is the Welsh translation of Perceval – one of the knights of the round table, who features in the Holy Grail stories

Michael Harvey said:"It's great to e working with some great be working with some great See www.beyon performers on a challenging and more information.

"Each day, the story takes on a new

There will be a 'work in progress' performance at the festival before heading for La Maison du Conte in French Paris later in the year and further touring around Europe in 2015.

Beyond the Border International Storytelling Festival runs from July 4 to 6 at St Donat's Castle and grounds.

The three-day festival of stories and music from Wales and across the world celebrates its 21st birthday this year with a feast of international storytelling, poetry, music, singing, theatre, circus, puppets, films and much more.

See www.beyondtheborder.com for

You Il love your garden more after your trip to.

A happy birthday to brave Beth!

THE supporters, friends and family of Beth Margetson, of Porthcawl, would like to wish her a very happy 50th birthday this coming Saturday and send her heartfelt good wishes for better health and good luck for the coming year.

Caroline Sarll said: Beth, who has been battling metastatic breast cancer, as well as fighting for her treatment, never thought she would reach this milestone, so it will be a

much cause for celebration.

"It goes without saying that everyone wishes Beth's forthcoming trip to Germany, to undergo hyperthermia treatment in Hanover, will bring her the results she – and we – are all hoping for and put her into remission," she added. GEM note: Caroline Sarll will be travelling to

Germany to support Beth and will be writing a full report on her

Birthday Notice

HOW OLD??

looking good!'



Have a wonderful birthday on June 28th

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Vale man gets a 19-month jail sentence

A MAN from Barry has been controlled class B drug, through to sentenced to 19 months in infringement of copyright. prison for a catalogue of

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Meetings are usually between 10am and 1pm,

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2pm and 4pm, for special

activities or visiting

The next meetings are

on July 2 in the morning,

for a chat and relaxation

therapies if required: July

16 in the afternoon; and

July 30 for a garden party

(before the summer break in August).

For more information. call Anne on 01446 772843, or Jan (01446 774575). New members are always welcome

and

fortnight

support

cancer.

speakers.

In a joint investigation conducted by Trading Standards and South between officers from South Wales Police, John Farrugia, aged Police and Trading Standards". 34, from Clos Llawhaden in Barry, pleaded guilty to offences dating

possession with the intent to supply a courts"

Detective Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake said: "This investigation was a culmination of hard work between officers from South Wales

He added: "This conviction shows that anyone committing these back over 17 months.

Offences can expect to be
The offences ranged from investigated and brought before the

> Song and Laughter

YNYSAWDRE Village

Hall presents an evening of Song and Laughter with Ricky & Azi-G Garret on Friday, July 11 at 7pm.

Admission is £5 and includes refreshments.

For tickets, call Mair on 01656 722115.

Piloxing and Zumba Gold take place in the

hall on the following days: Wednesday – Zumba Gold (1pm);

tammika@zumbasouthw

ales.com to book their

Garden party THE Ogmore Valley Ladies Society are

place before attending.

Piloxing (6.30pm). There is also a new Saturday class of Kangoo Jumps that has to be booked and people

MP teams up with McDonalds

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns and McDonalds on Cardiff Road, Barry, are combining to provide a surgery for local constituents.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, is holding a fundraising bingo afternoon this Saturday (June 28) at 2.30pm. welcome Everyone

Reading group MEETINGS of the Barry Shared Reading Group will recommence after a short break tomorrow (June 27) at 12.30pm 12.30pm in the Community Room, at Barry Library. the

Mr Cairns is holding the advice surgery at McDonalds on Saturday, July 5, between 10am and 11.30am.

He explained: "I hold regular surgeries across Barry and the Vale and am keen to be available to those who don't usually think of approaching their MP

for help. "I already hold surgeries in supermarkets and libraries, but thought that McDonalds would be an innovation.

"I am keen to continue to try nev

initiatives." He added: "I hope people will feel free to pop along for a chat with any issue, or just to let me know their views on the things that matter

holding their annual garden party at garden party at Factory House, Blackmill, the home of Clive and Lydia Davies on July 15, at 12 noon.

should

Enjoy a walk around the grounds, followed by cream tea on the lawn (weather permitting). Home-made fayre, seasonal crafts, bric-abrac, raffles.

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MICHAELA'S BHF AWARD

AN article in last week's GEM accurately reported that Michaela Grey, a BHF volunteer in Bridgend, had won an award as Volunteer of the Year

Unfortunately, а different inadvertently appeared in the headline. The GEM would like to apologise if anyone was confused by this.



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Out and About with The GEM

Film looks at the rise and fall of The Four Seasons



by GARETH JAMIESON

Barry Island

 ${f Weekenders}$

Weekenders festival through a path of flames

Vale in July and scorching sculptures and August – with the Welsh International Open Beach Volley ball on August 2-3, with Championsking performances starting of

Volleyball on August 2-3, with performances starting at noon and lasting opening the show on throughout the afternoon,

The weekender will include an Olympic size weekender will ocentre court with a public showing The Goonies seating area on the sand. and Abba musical Manma Mia from Manma Mia From Lea All

and on August 23-24, the Cinema by the Sea Weekender will be

BARRY ISLAND audience will

is returning to the encountering breathing

July 5-6.

The weekender will Cinema by Weekender Weekender

TAGE musicals making their way to the big screen are nothing new: from Catherine Zeta-Jones winning an Oscar for Chicago, **Hugh Jackman** hitting out at revolutionary France in Les Miserables, and Pierce Brosnan proving God loves

a trier in Mamma Mia, there have been plenty gracing cinemas.

The latest of these has the added allure of being directed by Clint Eastwood – Jersey Boys. It tells the story of the rise of four young men from the wrong part of town (played by John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen, Vincent Piazza and Michael Lomenda) who become Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, and how their upbringing brings them closer together as their fame increases. and then tears them apart... Some musicals

weave songs into the narrative as a way of expressing characters' thoughts and motivations, but Jersey Boys takes a different path. This telling of the rise, fall and reunion of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons interiects their music organically into proceedings, whether it be a recording session or live

gives it a more straightforward feel, less like a musical and more like a dramatic recounting of events

with songs thrown in. Cinematically, it's a concept that works particularly given that it's based on true events - so the hullabaloo that Clint Fastwood would be directing a musical is something of a fallacy; instead he brings a stylish sheen and cinematic sensibility to what proves to be an entertaining, if slightly undercooked and cursory, look at one of the 1960s' most impressive acts

not unlike vour traditional cautionary story of the rise and fall of a group of individuals who seemed to have it all, only for egos and success to get in the way. The film doesn't deviate from this path to any great deal, and as such feels like an overview of the band and the individuals within, rather than digging deep into their

history. Unsurprisingly, given his producer's credit, Valli comes out of it the best, an honest, honourable man trying to do his best but struggling against the power of the band and

his home life. The rest of the characters aren't quite given the 'warts 'n all' treatment as the film never really delves too deeply, but they don't come out of it as sweetly as the singer.

The performances can't help but feel somewhat stagey (especially as the main four were all in the stage show), but they aren't too had

John Lloyd Young lacks charisma, but has a tremendous voice, Michael Lomenda and Erich Bergen do a decent job with their roles, while Vincent Piazza shines the brightest as the moneyhaemorrhaging Tommy, the actor having perhaps the showiest role. Christopher Walken's

small role as a man the band can turn to when

treacherous is notable only for how much
Walken is simply
playing himself, but he
adds levity when required.
This film is probably

the biggest anomaly yet on Clint Eastwood's directorial CV, yet the veteran director, a man not known, on the surface for his love of Broadway musicals, offers a film that looks visually stylish (the slightly hazy visual period feel riffing on his work with *Changeling*) and coasts along with easy-going charm.

He also transposes the film's stage roots by giving the film a sense of scope (keep an eye for the end credit sequence which is a wonderful blend of stage and screen) and while it doesn't touch his best work it's nothing to be sniffed at

What is lacking is any real substance; the story is intriguing and interesting (who knew how important Joe Pesci was to the formative group, for example) but feels a little sanitised, a

story being filtered by the man who is key to it, while there are several moments that may test some people's tolerance of schmaltz. But as a diverting piece of entertainment, with some great songs and a casual feel, these Jersey

Boys deliver a hit.
VERDICT – A
change of pace for Clint
Eastwood, Jersey Boys
is an entertaining film,

with the songs of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons front and centre. The performances are decent, the direction is stylish, and while it lacks depth and substance, it still makes for a pleasing viewing experience. Enjoyable. SEE THIS IF YOU

LIKED: Mamma Mia! (2008), Moulin Rouge! (2001).

Families sought

MAKERS of the upcoming BBC 'Family Season' are looking for families of all shapes and size for a series looking at how the modern Welsh family lives.

Using two families, production company Wales & Co hope to repeat the successful 'Family Life Swap' formula and get the teenage kids of one Welsh family to swap lives with the teenage kids of another family for a whole week at the end of July, a spokesman said.

If interested in taking part, email enquiries@walesandco.com or call 02920 225588. For more information, visit www.walesandco.com or http://tinyurl.com/familylifeswap.

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Cowbridge musician receives nomination for **British Blues Award**



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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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For lottery information telephone 2053 2300.

COWBRIDGE musician Mark Pontin's band has become the first ever Welsh band to be nominated at the prestigious 'British Blues Awards' for 2014.
Mark, with his band

'Mark Pontin Group' received two nominations, in the 'Emerging Artist' and 'Blues Song' categories. "I am delighted to

have been nominated, especially as I was chosen by a panel of radio DJs and reviewers who liked my album enough to nominate me it's a huge honour," said

Mark.
Releasing his album 'Days Of Destiny' in 2013 independently of

any record label or management, the bluesman now needs

public votes to secure the top awards. "It's an online public vote that decides the winners, so I am appealing for all the help I can get, as I am up against acts with major label backing and large

fan bases.
"All that is needed is five minutes to fill out an online form, and an an online form, and an email address for confirmation, which is not used for any other purpose," added the former Cowbridge

Comprehensive pupil.
"Just go to
www.britishbluesawards. com/vote to register your vote, or follow the link from my website www.markpontingroup.c om," he urged.

GARDEN SCHEME

THE for the garden opening National Gardens raised beds and borders, Scheme over the mature trees and shrubs. weekend of July 5-6 with water feature.

pastel shades of annuals, lt is open on Sunday, perennials and small July 6, (11am-5pm), shrubs.

The terraced rear has colourful

There is a lily pond

miclude:

Bryn-y-Ddafad,
Welsh St Donats,
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It is a small courty and bong arden and small It is a small courtyard bog garden and small garden with raised beds bank of rhododendrons informally planted using and azalea.

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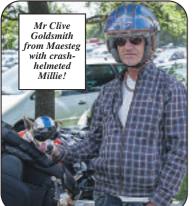
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THERE was a great turnout last Sunday (June 22) at Margam Park when the Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Bridgend, held its annual fun day.

Supporters brought their pets along to take part in a variety of fun games and competitions – or simply to mingle with other









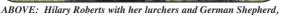
ABOVE: Ellie Jones with Iggy.































TRAGEDY BEHIND NEW **CURATE'S ORDINATION**



PICTURED: (left to right) Rev Rhys Jenkins, Rev Rachel Simpson, Rev Sister Wendy Taylor and Rev Christopher Lee.

MUM tragically lost her choir as a young girl, and young son in a road accident is the new

the church of her youth and set her on the path to ordination. Sam was knocked over and killed religious community in far from their home

low time in my life and I felt as though I had been left with such a gap," said Pauline (53).

Eventually,

AGREE with

the letter from

G Smith

concerning Vale

Cairns attacking

ambulance response

The drip-drip attacks

times (GEM, June

on our Welsh NHS we

see so regularly are part

of a design to condition the public against our

NHS so there would be

without faults, but

within national

be exposed.

ownership.
Also, the pretence

from the Tories that the English NHS is

functioning better than the Welsh NHS needs to

England are only just beginning to take effect and already there is

visible deterioration in

the national media that a

meeting on June 8 shows a Conservative minister

admitting people were no longer aware who

was responsible for the

leaked document at a

The reforms in

it off.

less resistance to selling

privatisation would be an infinitely worse step than to just learn from mistakes and improve it within national

Our Welsh NHS is not

Tory MP Alun

who where she had sung in the was immed welcomed back

accident is the new assistant curate at Coity, Nolton and Brackla.

It was the tragic death of her 13-year-old son, Sam, in a road accident come and join us, we 17 years ago that sparked Pauline Smith's return to the church of her youth looked back. with open arms.

"As soon as I walked through the door, someone said to me, I remember you, you used to sing in the choir - Sam, in a road accident come and join us, we from that day on I never the church of her youth looked back. looked back

"Through the church, I went to Taize – the France – which was a very spiritual and in Ely.
"I found life very moving experience for difficult and it took me and it was there that many years to come to something started inside terms with what had of me. I felt that all the happened – it was such a pain that I had felt was going to be made use of —

I had a very strong
feeling about that but I
didn't know what it was
going to be used for."

walked through the doors of the Church of the Pauline returned on Resurrection in Ely – annual visits to Taize, she

Pauline Smith

realised that ordination was the path that she was being called for.

"I couldn't believe it at first, but ever since I accepted that this was what God wanted me to do, it's just been like a rollercoaster that I can't get off. I'm an Ely girl born and bred. I've worked in shops all my life and now I'm off to be a curate in Bridgend – I can hardly believe it

"I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and for

them to get to know me."
Pauline will be
moving to Bridgend with
her husband, Alexander
and their border collie 'Drip-drip attacks

dog Sox. Also being ordaained as deacons on Saturday by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan at Llandaff Cathedral are Tom Bates (30) and Rhur Ap Robert, a former

curate

who has served as curate in parish of Llantwit Major, will be ordained as a priest and continue to serve in the same

"I have really enjoyed

Thave really enjoyed the past year – college prepares you for the difficulties that you might face out in the parish but it doesn't really prepare you for itset have really prepare you for itset have really prepare you for

iust how enjoyable the

acher.
Tom Bates, Rhun ap to-day control.
The word 'reform' Robert and Pauline Smith are to be ordained as deacons on Saturday, June 28. Tom is to serve as

parish.

assistant Merthyr Tydfil, St David and Abercanaid; Rhun, I hardly need mention an ex-teacher will be assistant curate of Aberavon, and Pauline who worked in retail, is to serve as assistant curate in Coity, Nolton and Brackla.

Rev Rachel Simpson

The English NHS nobody wanted and nobody voted for.

in doing is increasing bureaucracy and driving operating costs up. Now the ministers in England are simply washing their hands of responsibility

We should guard lt has been reported in this ploy to soften public opinion for handing our NHS over to private profit. If they succeed, we will no longer have functioning NHS in Marc Delaney, Barry.

English NHS after its

on Welsh NHS'

top-down reform.
This minister added that the Government pretty much gave away control of the English NHS, to the extent that the Government there now really has no day-

itself is, of course, a euphemism for privatisation, where profits take precedence over care.

the recent serious scandals in English hospitals which have been widely reported in all the national news

shakeup was a three billion pound fiasco that

All it has succeeded for the NHS

just how enjoyable the job is going to be.
"It's such a privileged way to get to know a community as people trust you with aspects of their lives that they won't normally," Rachel said.

Fun day rounds off the Kenfig Hill Festival Week





The Chair and vice-chair of Pyle Community Council at Pyle Infant School summer fete.

MANY organisations, sports clubs and churches in the community held events on each of the days leading up to the Community

Fun Day.

Events started with a concert in Pisgah Chapel, and there were also concerts in Kenfig Hill RFC – 'The X Factor' with Kenfig Hill Guides – and Showtime in the Talbot and Bethal Comunity Church with

voluntary Coffee mornings well at ions, held in Cwrt Angorfa, Ton, Bethal Community Church and The Adult Learning Centre. All three junior schools held events. The churches of St James in Pyle and St Theodore in Kenfig Hill held services at which both churches

were full.
The Pyle Tang So Doo martial arts group and KPC Youth held successful open days and Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir invited everyone to



Kenfig Hill has Got Talent with the Guides.

RACHEL ON TARGET TO BE TOP TRAINER!

WHEN Rachel Ellis (29) of Bridgend, finished her university studies. she had no idea that she would one day play an integral role in the day-today running of **ACT Training**, Wales' largest training provider.

Rachel, a marketing officer, said: "When I finished my geography degree I had no idea what came next for me, but after landing an entry-level

administrative role with ACT Training, ended up managing a team of six administrators within the workforce there.

"During this time, I was also supported to sign up for my level 3 management qualification at the Cardiff Skills Academy. to develop my managerial skills further, and when a role became available within the marketing department, I decided to go for it."

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Rachel Ellis

Photographing the Venice Carnival... ON a warm sunny magnificent

evening, the June meeting of Boverton WI began with the president welcoming a new member.

The federation letter was noted and, following the close of business, one of the members, Pam Lewis, together with her husband Cled, gave a oresentation on the Venice Carnival'.

Pam who is an ccomplished photographer, is extremely passionate about Venice. She has made 14

visits over the years, mainly to coincide with the carnival itself, which is an annual event approximately two weeks prior to and ending on Shrove Tuesday. We were shown

photographs of the costumes and elaborate masks worn by the participants who parade around St Mark's Square from as early as 7am in the morning, and Pam and Cled are there among the many other photographers waiting to get their best

The surrounding buildings and scenery made a perfect backdrop for the excellent photographs Pam has taken and some of her work regarding the carnival has been published in an American

photographic magazine. The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Comunity Church with join them in an open the Blessed Ladies practice night in the Gospel Choir. Kenfig Hill RFC. Council's cut price market

stalls welcomed

ATTEMPTS to 'let' vacant stalls at Bridgend market have been welcomed by shadow Welsh regeneration minister Byron Davies.

Commenting on a cheme launched by the council this week. which would enable budding stallholders to take a unit for four successive Saturdays for the price of one week's rent, he said: "This is a sensible proposal as it enables potential stallholders to try out an idea without giving up their job, and also without the high expense of having to

pay a lot of rent and a deposit up-front.

"There is certainly a need to encourage new traders to come into the market.

"When I met stallholders two weeks ago, they were worried because there were five empty stalls and they feared that potential tenants were being put off by the high costs and the uncertainty.

"I hope that they now consider extending the scheme to the Maesteg indoor market where there are a number of empty stalls," Mr Davies added.



Whitmore Bay nippers' weekend to remember!

NIPPERS from Whitmore Bay are celebrating a successful training camp which saw a meet and mix with other clubs. group of 27 from the Surf Life across south Wales at the Bay on July 20. Atlantic College, St Donats.

They learned important aspects of beach and pool water safety, first aid, course) the nippers who were a credit paddle board rescue, fitness tests to the club. including bleep tests with very high standards met in all disciplines.

The nightly discos were enjoyed by

It was a glorious setting for what was a weekend full of activities and Saving Club join over 250 fun and will prepare the nippers for our

> Nipper Camp in A big thank you goes to all the organisers at south Wales SLSA, the coaches who did an amazing job of looking after the nippers, and (of

> > Jonathan Davies. Club Secretary.

Lavernock church flower festival is a huge success



One of the exhibits at the flower festival

DEDICATED LOCAL NURSE JANE ENJOYS **MAKEOVER!**





ABOVE: Jane's 60-minute transformation

JANE HARRISON decided that a much was the second lovely lady chosen for the 60-minute makeover through The GEM Competition page. She was nominated by her mother as she is an exceptionally hard working operating room nurse, who gives most of her time to her job and has had little time for socialising.

Her mum was hoping a new look would get her noticed by some lucky gentleman and out on some dates! We

shorter more manageable cut would allow her more freedom with work and still be a hot party look for a much needed night out.

We introduced an allover bright copper and some deeper copper tones in the nape area and interspersed with some multi-tone foil slices throughout.

Our make-up artists decided to complement her complexion with a light natural finish using La Biosthetique make-up and vibrant lipstick to finish the look.

Look out for our next 60-minute makeover!

Fitch + Ramous

certainly created a stir last who visited and gave so generously towards the upkeep of the church: "It weekend with a wonderful flowers of and array memorabilia

overwhelmed by the response from all Party. Th ages, and sent a "heartfelt thank you" August 10.

THE St Lawrence Church on behalf of the church's trustees, to all truly was an unforgettable weekend"

Special thanks go to the following thoughtfully for their contribution to the display: Mr arranged to create a poignant and evocative scene.

There were several focus points withed Pascenber and Gistarranged to Create a point and Education and Education and Education and Education and Education and Education arranged to create a point and Education and Edu There were several focus points entitled Remember, Respect and Give Thanks.

Rev Margaret Stark was overwhelmed by the response from all Party. The Patronal Festival is on

Success in parking dispute

the 'Pensioner Won't Pay'article in The GEM, I would like to inform you that I had a similar fine while parked at Cardiff Bay on December 18, 2012 and on January 8, 2013 received the Parking Tariff Notice (fine) in the post, which I refused to pay.

The car park was monitored by New Generation Parking Management Ltd.

I had been shopping with my wife and was

FTER reading parking in a disabled bay windscreen of the the Pensioner (I admit I failed to vehicle; display my wife's disabled badge by mistake). When I received the fine, I contacted the park operators and questioned the details of the fine.

I wrote to the car park operators stating that:

· There was no parking infringement notice placed onto the window of my vehicle at the time stated;

• The parking company have failed to provide me with a photo of my vehicle parked on their monitored parking area with a parking infringement notice displayed on the

vehicle;

· They have failed to prove that I was parked on their monitored land

· The vehicle excise licence clearly states that the vehicle is a registered disabled vehicle, which they clearly failed to take into

I never heard anything back from New Generation Parking Management Ltd, and I still have their original parking tariff notice just in case

Keith Brown. Barry

account.



TO mark Armed Forces Week, attended the Llantwit Major RAF personnel from MoD St Cowbridge Lions summer fair and chatted to staff at the RAF stall. Athan paraded through Barry on June 23, to commemorate based at St Athan, on their long 75 years of the Royal Air Force in south Wales.

On Saturday (June 21) the Vale AM the Vale in 1974.

Jane Hutt AM at the RAF stall at the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions Favre.

Jane Jutt AM congratulated the RAF granted the freedom of Barry in May 1959 and made Honorary Freemen of

Sully lady bowlers represent Wales



PICTURED: From left, Barbara Stanton, Stef Parker, Margaret thews and Yvonne Lloyd, who were runners up in the British Isles Senior Fours, gaining a silver medal.

FOUR ladies from BP Bowls (senior rinks) last year to earn Club in Sully recently travelled their place. to Jersey with the rest of the Stefanie Parker, Barbara Stanton and British Isles team to represent Yvonne Lloyd. Wales in the British Isles

A club spokeswoman said: "We are series, having won the Welsh incredibly proud of this achievement and it is a great honour to wear our **Championships** Welsh shirts and fly the flag.

GREAT WEEKEND... but not for fishing!

THE excellent weather has been great for rays, but sadly, only those from the sun! The Seaview Lads had three competitions fished over last weekend with two being held in sunny Bournemouth. where anglers avoided the 50,000 sunworshippers on the beaches to find a quieter spot to fisĥ.

A spokesman said: Bright sun, gin-clear water and awkward tide times that clashed with opening hours, meant catches were low but some nice black bream and other species such as weavers and smelt that are not common in local waters made the weekend a little more interesting.

"The weekend will be remembered as much for the many led walks and hikes arranged by Paul Crook, as for the fishing! His urge to romp extended to a ten-mile tour of the 'spoons across Dorset after the rods were hung up – all in pursuit of a cheap

ale!
"Bin and Stringfellow of 1lb 12oz (Stringfellow had an identical brace) which along with some smaller bream, mackerel and wrasse, ensured that anglers at least had fish to weigh in over both

could be said for the competition fished on home grounds, where no fish deemed it worthy to be caught!

String managed top place on both days. All in all, a great weekend, albeit not for fishing!"

EU-US deal is threat to principle of democracy

T'S a basic principle of democracy that governments should be able to make decisions in the interests of the people who elected them. But the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) being negotiated between the US and the EU puts this principle under serious threat.

This trade deal aims to set up a secretive 'court' in which multinational companies can sue governments if they think a law might

harm their profits.

For example, a tobacco company is currently using a similar court to sue the Australian Government for billions of pounds because Australia introduced plain packaging for cigarettes. It's also suing

Uruguay for simply putting a health warning on cigarette packets

I want the UK government to be able make laws to protect the people of this country. which is why I've joined the World Development Movement's campaign to stop the deal. Dinas Powys.

Who wants to build what, Barry RFC and where, in the Vale?

EWM Property Co Ltd – Holm House, Marine Parade, Penarth – Single storey extension to existing hotel restaurant; Change of Use of manager's flat to hotel accommodation; new railings to front boundary wall.

Mr Paul David Mahoney - Church Rise, Wenvoe – Demolish existing potting sheds and replace with two-bedroom

dwelling. Mr Smith – Maendy Ganol Cottage, Trerhyngyll – Increase roof height of garage and dormer to create first floor.

Mrs Gloria Davies – Land adjacent to 41, Old Port Road, Wenvoe Construction of detached two-bedroom

bungalow with on-site parking.

Mrs Jayne Drummond – New House, Llancarfan - Construct new detached single storey garage and demolish existing boundary wall and gate. Construct new boundary wall; alteration to ground floor front elevation of house; remove existing garage doors and infill new window and masonry surround.

Mrs Catherine Richards – 8 Llwyn Passat, Penarth – Replacing single door and window at the rear of an existing property with a set of bifold doors; enlarging an opening, fitting steel lintels and making good; fitting decking to back

Dow Corning Ltd – Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry – Planning Application to develop a Biomass Energy Facility (BEF) including associated works. The BEF facility will be capable of generating 24.2mw of thermal energy (steam) via the gasification of up to 60,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of recycled wood chip fuel on land within the Dow Corning Barry site.
Mr Christian Parsons – **73 Plassey Street**,

Penarth – Rear loft extension. Mr John Coombes – 43 Clive Place, Penarth - Material alterations to the side

Mr and Mrs Pothecary – 21 Heol Sant Bridget, St Brides Major - Conservatory extension to rear.

Beechwood Court Ltd - Beechwood College, Beechwood House, Hayes **Road, Sully** – New Vocational Learning Centre for Beechwood College including change of use from agricultural land. Facilities proposed include a new Vocational Centre (2-year temporary

vocational Centre (2-year temporary consent), workshops, paddock, stables and polytunnel.

Mr Gwyn Davies – Llanerch Vineyard,
Hensol – Proposed retention of wine store and ancillary side marquee to main

Mr Gwyn Davies – Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol – Proposed retention of canopy linking main farmhouse to Visitor Centre and accommodation block

Mr D Saif - 9 Crossfield Road, Barry Demolition of existing garage, proposed two storey extension to form kitchen and garage and master bedroom with en-suite

bathroom to first floor.

Ms C O'Shea – 4 Church View,

Llanblethian – Proposed extension,
refurbishment and internal reconfiguration of existing bungalow

Mrs Kate Skone - 105 Plymouth Road, **Penarth** – Creation of a gateway and off-road parking space for disabled person. Bellway Homes Ltd – Land to the north of railway line off Pentir Y De, Rhoose – Reserved Matters for

appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 126 dwellings.

Mr and Mrs Anthony Green – 24

Beechwood Drive, Penarth – Single storey side extension to provide kitchen

extension and bike store.

Miss Nichola Treharne – 29 Cae
Stumpie, Cowbridge – Single storey extension to rear elevation and porch to front elevation.

Mr Howard Whittaker – The Croft, Nurston – Change of Use of small parcel of agricultural land on the south, west and east boundary of The Croft to within

residential curtilage. Mr and Mrs Westwood – **32 West Farm** Road, Ogmore By Sea - Remove complete roof, raise pitch and install a new roof configuration, balcony and

ancillary works.

Mr Neil Heard – Bryn House, Penylan Road, St Brides Major - Single storey

garden shed. Dr H Payne – **Pentre Beili, Colwinston** – Installation of wood burning appliance and chimney

Mr and Mrs S Glynne – Ysgubor House, Llancarfan Lane, Barry - First floor side extension

Mrs Bridget Johnson – 19 Baron Road, Penarth – The construction of a three metre, single storey extension at the rear of 19 Baron Road, Penarth which consists of a living and storage area. Brownfield Green Ltd – **Porthkerry**

Road Methodist Church, Porthkerry Road, Barry – Subdivision of dwelling 4 (as per 2014/00224/FUL and 2014/00225/LBC) into two dwellings and associated alterations including additional

Mr Stephen Penny – 1 Seaview Cottages, Twyn Yr Odyn – Kitchen extension

single storey.

Mr Adrian Shakespeare – 3 Frampton Lane, Llantwit Major – First floor extension above double garage. Mr and Mrs Malessa Thompson – 23 Seaview Drive, Ogmore By Sea – Single storey rear extension with roof terrace and dormer roof extension

Mr K Williams - 23 Britten Road. Penarth – Proposed ground floor extension with detached garage and first floor dormer conversion to an existing

single storey bungalow. Mr Carl and Mrs Kelly Hoskins – 2 Manorbier Close, Dinas Powys – Proposed rear extension to full width of dwelling and the conversion of integral garage to an additional bathroom. Mrs Helen Such – 34 Pencoedtre Road, Barry – Two dormer extensions. proposed balcony, porch and rear

extension. Mr S Davis and Ms G Anderson - 1 Penyrheol Terrace, Llysworney - Take down existing conservatory and construct new kitchen extension with internal alterations and to extend existing rear

elevation lean-to. Mr and Mrs Matthew Barker – **7 The** Wriand Nis Mautiew Barker - 7 The Verlands, Cowbridge - Alterations, extension to existing house.

Mr DS Marriot - 31 Marine Drive, Ogmore By Sea - Single storey extension, first floor extension including lift conversion, new access driveway and associated works and balcony – resubmission of 2014/00233/FUL. Mr Carey Jones – **Brooklands**, **Brook** Lane, St Nicholas – Change of Use of land to a residential use associated with Brooklands Hall, and retention and

alterations to existing barn for a use ancillary to the main dwelling house Mr Max Dormer – Benacre, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas – Single storey front, side and rear extensions, including internal redesign and driveweay alterations

Mr Mitul Shah – Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry – Alterations to existing East Wing first floor conservatory and construction of new West Wing first floor conservatory. new west wing first floor conservatory. Mr Gerard Gilhooly – 28 **Duffryn Crescent, Peterston Super Ely** – First floor extension above existing garage. Ms Elizabeth Twose – 49 **Castle Drive**, Dinas Powys - Single storey side extension.

Stephen Jarvis – 15 Mountjoy Crescent, Penarth – Extension to the front and side of property to form a porch and utility

Wesh Power Group Ltd – Former Ineos Chlor Cemical Works site, Barry – Application for Full Planning Permission for the construction and operation of a small embedded Short Term Operating Reserve (STOR) generating plant and auxiliary equipment on the former Ineos Chlor Chemical Works site, Barry. Mr and Mrs S Rees – Llandough Castle, Llandough, Cowbridge – Demolition of shed and replacement with oak framed garage/workshop with attached gym. Vale of Glamorgan Council – Colcot Junior and Infant School, Florence **Avenue, Barry** – Erection of a new prefabricated building for early years teaching including site works and accessible parking.

Mr and Mrs Edwards – Pwll Y Wrach

Farm, Colwinston - Part single with part

double storey side extension for use by agricultural workers.

Mr Jonathan Rees - 33 Westbourne Road, Penarth - Works to reinstate chimneys to side and rear elevations of existing property.

Barratt Developments plc - Plot 7, Showhome, former Ogmore Residentia Centre, Ogmore By Sea - Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.

Ms Sara Movery - Orchard Cottage, Leckwith, Cardiff - New window on the first floor bathroom on the side.

Mr Paul Rapley - 4 West Terrace, Penarth - Single storey rear extension and material alterations

Mr G Spargo - Boverton Grange, Boverton, Llantwit Major - Demolish existing garage, shower and family room and replace with a larger family room with new garage and shower room. Mr and Mrs T Hackett - 49 Penlan Road Llandough, Penarth - Hip to gable roof extension, rear dormer and single storey side and rear extensions. Alterations of coach house to allow use as ancillary accommodation.

Mr SP Caddick - 17 Elm Grove, Barry Erect a single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Mr and Mrs Alan Stamp - Tv Celvn, Westra, Dinas Powys - Rear and over garage extension to form new first floor at side of house.

Mrs S Morel - The Stables, The Old Rectory, St Brides Super Ely - Proposed amendments to approved scheme ref 2013/00628/FUL being revised porch, internal arrangements and minor changes to elevations (doors and windows). Mr James Poole - Land off Port Road.

Wenvoe - Erection of two advertising signs at land off Port Road, Wenvoe. Mr Vincent Wells - 29 Ael y Coed, Barry - Extension.

Phil Williams - Land to the north of Junction 33, Creigiau - Comprehensive development of land to create a new community containing a range of new homes, park and ride facility and transpor interchange or hub, community facilities including new primary school and community centre, including shops, financial and professional, food and drink and a new clinic or surgery.

Ms Anne Motton - 78 Althorpe Drive, Penarth - Single storey extension to rear and side of property to provide additional kitchen space, sitting area and downstairs toilet provision.

Mr Peter Milford - Gileston Cottage, Gileston - Removal of Condition 1 of permission 1980/02002 for use of the building as a holiday let.

Mr Phil Beaman - Maslin Park. Plymouth Road, Barry - Demolition of two changing room units and replacement with a single demountable Portakabin unit on the same site utilising the existing mains supplies.

Mrs Fran Mullaney - 69 Plymouth Road Penarth - Alterations to existing rear extension.

Mr R James - The Grange, Trepit Road Wick - Conversion and extension of barn and outbuildings into domestic dwelling. Mr D Curtin - 20a Murch Crescent, Dinas Powys - Fell one Oak tree. Ms Alyson Courteney - The Lindens, Bradford Place, Penarth - Minimal pruning to Cedar tree, crown raise to 6m Horse Chestnut, re-pollard Lime tree and crown raise trees to 6m over highway. Mr Gareth Roberts - St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major - Fell four conifers and one additional tree.

look back

BARRY 1st XV began the season in the Swalec National League Division 4 South East, with high hopes after falling agonisingly short of promotion on the last day of

the prior campaign.
Unfortunately,
hampered by a long
injury list early on in the
season, the signs were not good. It was October before the side picked up their first win, a narrow victory over then fellow strugglers Llandaff North.

With hard work on the training ground, the youthful Barry side began to respond to the challenge and put on a decent run of form just before Christmas, finally finding a way to win close games at the death, most notably with a lastgasp try at Bryncethin.
With captain Hywel

Jones returning to the fore at the end of the calendar year, Barry headed into 2014 in high spirits, and this was soon reflected on the pitch.

Under the coaching and guidance of head coach Darren Gibbon, forwards coach Dai forwards coach Dai Griffith and manager Stuart Lock, the side put together an impressive run of form after the turn of the year.

A big derby victory over local rivals Llantwit Major saw the beginning of a winning run that would last six games, with the height of success being a victory over champions-elect St Joseph's under the Cardiff Arms Park lights.

the spring sunshine unfolded, and the final game of the season, a 56victory over side Tonyrefail, was a fitting tribute to the hard work

supporters will hope that will momentum

Provis (eight).

Player of the year: Dave of the year. Provis. Most improved: Sion Vid Owain Poole

2nd XV romoted from the 3rd

there were high hopes for the side to do well in both

league and cup.

The large number of players unavailable for the 1st XV in the start of the season saw their troubles filter down, and it was no surprise that it was a struggle to get a side together in the autumn, never mind gathering any momentum.

omentum.

The side were staring with no wins from six, little consistency in selection, with seemingly no light at the end of the

To the huge credit of bitterly cold afternoon at St Peter's, as they came from behind to win 27 – 22 with a threadbare squad with numerous squad debutants.

From then on the side kicked on. Using a blend of youth and experience, and being able to welcome back several key players, Barry were undefeated from December to April, April, winning seven out of eight games to see them banish any thoughts of potential relegation. Their form saw them

finish the season on a high, hammering St Peter's 69 – 17 on their Barry finished with final league fixture, and produce three straight victories as also appearing in the East opportuni also appearing in the East District Cup final, where they were bested by a very strong Cardiff Met

The 2nd XV will surely draw on this and dedication put in by momentum to make a the players. sustained challenge in The management and the league campaign next Michael Avaient (eight). season. Coach: Rhidian Scott.

carry onto the next Manager: Ken Chow. Corrigan (48). Player of campaign.

Most tries: Dave Most tries: Brad White Avaient. Most improved: Most (nine). Most points: Gareth Hall.

Vidal improved: Brad White.

3rd XV

THE 2nd XV were once again under the guidance of Rhidian Scott and he was joined by Ken Chow, who was a juned to complete a specific product of the control aimed to complete a league season for the first As with the 1st XV, time in recent memory,

With player-manager Chris Prosser in charge, aided by numerous caretaker managers throughout the season, the side got off to a flying start, brushing aside Whitchurch in opening weekend, winning 105-0.

The side continued their good form, also beating Cardiff Quins at the possibility of home and St Peter's relegation in December, away, but there were also difficult times the 3rd XV when struggled to get a side together.

To the full credit of the the players, they turned it players and management round in 80 minutes on a staff, the side carried on, and unlike previous seasons, where player numbers would drop off, the interest participation actually increased as the year

went on. Barry finished the season with an away victory at Llanishen, and have shown that they could easily hold their own in a league full of more experienced second and third teams.

The 3rd XV will hope to consolidate their $\overset{\mathbf{a}}{St}$ position in their division next season, and to more opportunities for players who want to enjoy social rugby.

Player-Manager: Chris Prosser, Caretaker managers: Andy Moffat, Ken Chow. Captain: Lloyd Jones. Most tries: Most points: Corrigan (48). Player of

Millwood results

THIS Division 3 game between Division 5 game against Splot Phoenix ended with a seven shot victory two shots! for the 'Town side after a glorious afternoon on a very Splott Phoenix's four points. fast running green.

leading by 26-12 shots, after 10 ends the score was 39-34 to the home side, rinks, so all credit to the home side for 15 ends was 46-61 to Thomastown, a very good victory. I am sure that both sides enjoyed the

A 12-2 points defeat for Millwood, so we need to improve this Saturday against Gelligaled at home!

Millwood and Thomastown at home by the narrow margin of only

After the first five ends Millwood It appeared that most of the were trailing Splott by 11 shots 17 – Millwood players took a long time to 28, and after 10 ends the score was 39millwood players took a long time to get the run and speed of the green. 41 in favour of Splott, then again, after Even the home side players were 15 ends Splott had another 11 shot saying how fast the green was running; no excuses though, it was a very good managed to rally up enough shots in the last six ends to get a well earned of the speed of the sp 84-82 victory, even though Millwood 'A' were a man short in one of the

A 12-2 points defeat for Millwood, finest of conditions and owe need to improve this Saturday gamesmanship, well done the 'A' side. ainst Gelligaled at home! This Saturday they are away to Millwood 'A' ran out victors in their Llantrisant 'A', keep it up!

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 **Town and Country Planning** (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:

Proposal:/Cynnig

Single storey front, side and rear extensions, including internal redesign and driveway alterations Benacre, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas

Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth

St. Nicholas

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:

Proposal:/Cynnig:

2014/00657/LBC

Subdivision of dwelling 4 (as per 2014/00224/FUL and 2014/00225/LBC) into two dwellings and associated alterations including additional door Porthkerry Road Methodist Church, Porthkerry Road,

Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:

Proposal:/Cynnig:

Alterations to existing East wing first floor conservatory and construction of new West wing first floor conservatory Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry

Location:/Lleoliad:

2014/00677/LBC

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif v cais:

2014/00696/LBC

Proposal:/Cynnig: Construct a frameless glass entrance lobby on front

The Market Place Restaurant, 66, High Street,

Location:/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II*

Application No:/

Rhif v cais Proposal:/Cynnig:

2014/00712/LBC

Demolition of a small/modern stud wall to the rear of

the interior of the shop ground floor 71, Eastgate, Cowbridge

Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig

2014/00729/FUL

Construction of two dormer bungalows, church

Location:/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig

parking and walkway Land south of Llanmaes

Affecting the Church of St. Cattwg, Grade II*, Cross in churchyard of Church of St. Cattwg, Grade II, Railed tomb of Nicholl family East of Chancel at Church of St. Cattwg, Grade II and Llanmaes House (Great House), Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:

Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig: 2014/00610/FUI

2014/00610/FUL
Planning Application to develop a Biomass Energy
Facility (BEF) including associated works. The BEF
facility will be capable of generating 24.2MW of
thermal energy (steam) via the gasification of up to
60,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of recycled wood
chip fuel on land within the Dow Corning Barry site.
Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry

Location:/Lleoliad:

Application No:/

Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2014/00639/RFS

Reserved Matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 126 dwellings.

Land to the north of railway line off Pentir Y De, Location:/Lleoliad:

Departure from Development Plan / Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif v cais

2014/00167/FUL

Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 17 dwellings and associated works. Proposal:/Cynnig:

Location:/Lleoliad: Ardwyn, Pen Y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below. or via http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/

Dated / Dyddiedig: 26 June, 2014

M. Goldsworthy

Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Keen competition in the sun at Llandow Kart club

ROUND five of Llandow Kart Club's summer championship continued the season's form as far as the weather was concerned, with warm sunshine greeting 49 drivers for the first meeting after May's successful Welsh

Championships. Having missed round four, the Bambinos were back on the bill for June. although only two drivers – Nathan Browning and McKenzie Douglass – were in action. Browning put in the fastest lap time of the day at 1min 01.403secs, with Douglass a couple of seconds further back

With positions now being judged on times achieved, Browning was awarded first place. LKC hopes to have a much larger grid of Bambinos for July's round to remember the late Richard Dowers.

A slimmed-down Cadet grid boasted just 10 entries, but that did not prevent some of the best racing of the day being provided by the younger members of the club. The two IAME runners, Shay Keough and Ethan Rees, led the way in each of the four races, with Keough crossing the line first each time to erase some of the disappointment at losing out on the Welsh

Cadet Honda honours, in the heats at least, were shared between brothers Oscar and Stuart Ferguson but,

when it came to the final, neither could dislodge George Alp-Williams from top spot. Stuart led Oscar across the line to ensure a double Ferguson podium, while Austin Maddocks took fourth place.

Cadet Comer was the preserve of Max Fenlon. who claimed each of the day's four races ahead of Shayne Clarke.

Despite Kath Denscombe Memorial Award winner Sofia Nardone graduating to the Senior class, Junior Honda numbers remained at five, with Ben Cutler joining the regular runners for the first time.

It was Patrick Hill that everyone was gunning for, however, the new Welsh champion winning heats two and three as well as the final, while season-long rival Kristian Prosser had to settle for success in the opening race of the day.

Cutler started well with third in heat one, but it was Jack Bligh who completed the podium when it mattered

Hugo Holmes made a successful return to Junior TKM a month after retiring from the Welsh Championships final, claiming heat three and the main race at the head of a seven-kart field. Alex Rees started strongly, with victory in each of the opening two races, but was excluded from the final, allowing Sam Johns and Yousuf Ashraf to complete the

podium. With nine runners split almost equally between the Junior and

Miskin pony is

a show stopper!

Ysselvliedts Highwood.

Photo by Ryan Wilson.

CHAMPION Welsh Show championship way

mountain pony at back in 1950 with his

the Royal Three stallion Dinarth What

Counties Show on Ho, who went on to be

Ysselvliedts Ceulan Shem owned by Highwood owned by the Southworth family of

MBE and David and ridden by Rebecca

the Southworth,

.June

Davies

Ceulan

Dr

13-15

of

Miskin, Pontyclun.

six-year-old Dutch-

Malvern, was the champion.

Dr Wynne Davies Warrington,

at twice Royal Welsh Show

stallion the stud this time was

Another success for

Minimax classes, each as afforded its own final, having run together through the day's three heats. Rob Ellis once again proved unbeatable in the junior section, crossing the line first in each of the heats before beating Tom Croydon – one month on from breaking his wrist in a karting accident – and Jodie Handford to the chequered flag in the

main event.
Handford finished third in each of the day's races, with Tom Ford providing the only change in the top three, with second place in the

third heat.
Riley Phillips
confirmed his May qualifying pace by dominating the Minimax class, winning each of the four races ahead of regular frontrunner and new Welsh champion Ethan Ling. Jem Hempworth and Kieran Clarke completed the line-up with the former having the upper hand in the battle for third place.

Senior Honda numbers again threatened to return to double figures, with the Nardone clan making up a third of the grid as Sofia and Roberto joined Cristiano in the nine-kart field.

The presence of newly-minted Welsh champion Chris Lipscomb should have provided some tasty racing at the front of the pack, but there was no denying Danny Griffiths, who completed a clean sweep of heats and final.

Lipscomb was second on each occasion, with Monty Gorringe ensuring that the top three remained the same throughout. Senior Rotax also saw

an unfamiliar face at the very top of the timesheets, as Tom Stride claimed three of the day's four races, including the final. He started as he meant to go on, beating Gareth Taylor to the line in heat one, and then repeated the feat in the third race.

Taylor claimed heat two, and ran Stride close in the main event, eventually missing out by just 0.677secs. Dilip Singh and Sebastian Hutchinson shared third places in the heats, but it was Sam Morgan who completed the podium in the final.

Round six of the 2014 Llandow club championship takes place at South Wales Karting Centre on Sunday, July 20. Results:

BAMBINO: 1 -Nathan Browning (Zip); McKenzie Douglass CADET HONDA: 1 –

George Alp-Williams (Project One): 2 – Stuart Ferguson (Project One);

3 - Oscar Ferguson

(Project One). CADET COMER: 1 -Max Fenlon (RK Birel); 2 - Shayne Clarke (Zip).

CADET IAME: 1 -Shay Keough (Zip); 2 -Ethan Rees (Zip).

JUNIOR HONDA: 1 - Patrick Hill (Wright): 2 - Kristian Prosser (7Kart); 3 – Jack Bligh (7Kart).

JUNIOR TKM: 1 -Hugo Holmes (Tonykart); 2 – Sam Johns (Jade); 3 – Yousuf Ashraf (Jade).

JUNIOR ROTAX: 1 -Rob Ellis (Kosmic): 2 -Tom Croydon (Gillard); 3 - Jodie Handford (Tonykart).

MINI MAX: 1 -Riley Phillips (Kosmic); 2 – Ethan Ling (CRG); 3 - Jem Hempworth (CRG).

SENIOR HONDA: 1 - Danny Griffiths (MS); 2 - Chris Lipscomb (7Kart); 3 -Monty Gorringe (7Kart). SENIOR ROTAX: 1 -Tom Stride (CRG); 2 -Gareth Taylor (CRG);

3 - Sam Morgan (CRG). BEST NOVICE: Alex Wilkins (Junior Honda). DRIVER OF THE DAY: George Alp-

Williams (Cadet Honda). Craig Llewellyn

Maximum points for the Romilly bowlers

team travelled to Cowbridge and Foscolo were still showing ahead.

Graham Cogbill, who was moved to recently in anticipation of a difficult game on a carpet rink.

Teams have always struggled in previous games on the very fast carpet but although a new carpet has been laid this year there was still apprehension on what the conditions would present.

Any concerns were immediately put aside with the 'Rom' racing into a 32 – 11 lead after end five; they went further ahead by the 10th end, 68 – 24. The new conditions obviously favoured Romilly with all rinks well on top by the 15th end, leading by 67 shots, 99 – 32.

The game ended with Romilly still well ahead with the final score 109 – 48, and a full 14 points for an excellent

CML Division 1 Romilly travelled to last years champions Ferndale hoping they could continue their good start to the

Although a very difficult place to go and play against a very good side, the 'Rom' were up for the game and were looking for a win rather than the four points that are normally hoped for in

Very early on Romilly realised that this game was once again going to be difficult and found themselves down by end five 9 – 23, with Jeff Wright and Mel Newman's rinks finding the

Graham Cogbill and Brian Foscolo and collected a further three shots to

BARRY Romilly's Munro Cup respectively, while the rinks of Cogbill

skip at the start of the season, has had a tremendous winning run and this continued with another victory, 26 - 9, while Jeff Wright's rink made an effort over the final six ends, scoring 11 shots to three to lose overall by seven shots,

Mel Newman's rink struggled all afternoon, finally going down 10 – 23, while Brian Foscolo's rink who had lead after the fifth end with lead Alan Bannister having an excellent game ended up losing by one shot, 23 – 24.

Romilly were a shade unlucky not to win the match overall, losing by four shots and only taking two of the 14 points on offer. Match score 77 – 81.

CML Division 3

Romilly 'A' team were home to a strong Wattstown side but were expecting a positive result and Romilly held a four shot lead after the fifth end.

The lead at the 10th end was still Romilly's, but only by one shot with two rinks ahead and two behind with

Wattstown, as expected, pushing the the 'Rom' all the way.

There were tremendous tussles on three rinks as the Romilly skips of Brian Cheal, Bryn Gough and Tony Freeman fought hard to remain close to their rivals, with only Des Bannister's rink falling behind.

and met recenting is rinks finding the going tough.

By the 10th end Romilly had Romilly only three behind with two recovered and were only three shots behind, 34 – 37, thanks to the rinks of ends Wattstown continued the pressure

Study, qualified from 26 entries for the Horse of the Yearn Wynne won his Three Counties Birmingham in October.

Who were ahead by 11 and four win the game 66 – 72. Romilly collected four points due to the rinks of Bryn Gough and Tony continued to struggle and at the 15th Freeman both winning by three and end were astray by 12 and 15 two shots respectively.

Church conversion news update

The Porthkerry Road project



The site is a former Methodist Church on Porthkerry Road. We are converting the two buildings into 11 high quality houses, each with 2 to 3 bedrooms. Every house will be spacious with *unique period* and contemporary features, as well as a private garden.

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More details to follow.

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SITE OPERATIVE OF THE MONTH

This is a new competition for everyone working on site. Each month a £100 bonus will be paid. This month's winner is Adrian. He has show real work ethic, natural ability, and commitment since starting 4 weeks ago.

Congratulations Adrian!



WORKING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

We always try to become an active part of the community in the areas in which our projects are based. We have now employed experienced local trades people from Barry (and environs) in a number of key roles to work on the conversion. We think it is important to provide opportunities and employment for local people.

We have also worked with Wayne Pinkard of the Vale of Glamorgan Council to provide some employment opportunities to a number of young local people out of work. Congratulations to Liam, Malcolm, and Mark. We have been really impressed by their work ethic and they are all learning very quickly. Keep up the good work! Unfortunately we do not have any further vacancies at present.

Watts Shield

is won by

Watts family!

Bowlers enjo

sunshine Cadoxton hosted an ML4 match against Cyfarthfa Park.

They shared the rinks with two wins each. The two Cadoxton losing rinks both had terrible

Chedzoy's rink was 6-0 down after two ends; 17-4 after 8 ends and 23-8 after 15, before a recovery during the remaining ends

closed the gap to just 5 shots

Howard Craven's rink had a deficiency of 21 -4 before their recovery started on the 12th end with eight winning ends from the remainder, to reduce the difference to

24 – 16. The rink skipped by John Jones had a good start and after 9 ends led 11-3. By the 14th the difference was still 8 shots with the score at 15-7. After two singles

against a '3' gave them a nine shot advantage, but in a tense finish seven shots were conceded reducing this to just two playing the final end. John Jones won the

points by obtaining the winning shot with an outrageous last bowl which must have which must have contacted three or four bowls before settling next to the jack

Don Kuhnell seemed to be well in control on his rink with a lead of 15

-1 after eight ends. However once the

opposition had sussed out the rink they out the rink they outplayed the home side

for the rest of the game.

Nevertheless, the
home side held onto a three shot advantage, going into the final end. The visitors hald a The visitors held three shots, but Don drew the third shot, with the last bowl, by the narrowest of margins to win the

match by one shot.
Scores: S Clarke, I
Robertson, D Brook, H
Craven 16 - 24; P Swannick, Heppenstall, P Ellis, K

Chedgzoy 19 - 24; G Garland, D Evans, G Davies, D Kuhnell 20 -19; H Hellyar, A Carpenter, D Jeffries, J Jones 19 - 16. Final score: 74 - 83.

CADOXTON 'A' V YNYSYBWL 'A' -ML5

Although things are starting to look a little brighter for Cadoxton 'A' with members returning from illness, they still were unable to field a full side with holidays. intervening.

They lost their ML5

match at Ynysybwl. However the good news

is, that at the time of going to press there is a full team available for next week. Well done to all players who have kept the team alive during this period.

Scores: R Byrne, J Crout, D Tuck 18 -28; G Powell, R Morris, D Fanning 10 - 36; E Heppenstall, A Prince, M Curtis 12 - 35; S Clements, R Cole, D Hammond10 -24. Final score: 50 - 123.

> PICTURED are the winners of the Ruth Watts Challenge

Shield 2014 held at Llancarfan Pétanque Piste on Sunday, June 22.

As it transpires, team Watts won the final round! Russ Watts, Phil Watts and Viv Davies

very fitting for the 10 year anniversary of the shield, to be won by its namesake!

A lovely day was had by all in attendance, with glorious sunshine adding to the event here's to the next one!

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Seconds are beaten by Neath batsmen

ON another scorching day, stood out from Neath's bowling Neath won the toss and decided to nut Llantwit Major areas and made the batsman work for Major put Llantwit Cavaliers seconds in to bat.

On a wicket that was never going to be easy to bat on, Neath bowled fairly accurately and made it difficult for Llantwit to find runs

The scoreboard never overflowed with runs at any stage and Llantwit were grateful for the knocks of Scott Buckley (26) and Kieran Davies (36 not out) which allowed them to amass a very defendable 125-9 off 40 overs

This season, Llantwit's strong point has been their bowling attack. With scores remaining low in the majority of their games this season, the purist would have had their money on a

However, the bowlers didn't seem to read this script. The one thing that

their runs.

Llantwit seemed to do the reverse of

this and made it all too easy for anyone with a bat in their hand to score runs. The ever-dependable Dave Cheal shone with figures of 5-25 off his 10

Kieran Davies did his best at the end to try and pick Llantwit up and put a fire into their belly to try and get the wickets needed to win this one.

Unfortunately the damage was already done and despite picking up two wickets, Neath cantered home with plenty of overs to spare winning

the game by two wickets.

Hopefully the Cavs have got this poor bowling display out of their system and can bounce back this

'lint's success

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint landed the Visit Us At Newton AbbotRacing.Com Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last Monday with his six-year-old Bernisdale.

In a field of 14 runners, Bernisdale, a 9-2 chance, partnered by T J O'Brien, came home five lengths ahead of the favourite Applause For Amy, ridden by BRIAN LEE DMC Tom Scudamore.

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Championship success for borough Karate





THE Karate Wales Governing Body sent a squad of 40 competitors from seven clubs and associations, plus eight coaches and a referee, to the WUKF (World Union of Karate-Do Federations) European Championships for all ages in Verona, Italy, from June 11-16.

The Bridgend-based Welsh Karate The Bridgend-based weish Kalauc Union provided three competitors, Gareth Rowe (Bridgend), Wayne Thomas (Cornelly) and Lauren Gallagher (Pencoed – who was joined by the fether Hugh as a coseh)

by her father Hugh as a coach).

The squad were accompanied by dozens of family and supporters for what was probably the biggest Karate squad ever to leave Wales for the

continent and was packed with quality.

Thursday was the first day of competition and featured events for veteran competitors in four age bands; 36-40, 41-45, 46-50 and 51 plus.

The team kumite (fighting) events were for all competitors of 36 and over and it was here that Karate Wales won their first gold medal of the Championships. Gareth and Wayne were part of a formidable team and the Welsh supporters were rapturous as Wales beat the men's veteran 'rotation' European gland and teams teams of reigning Euro Champions France, England

The veterans individual kumite events were less successful for Wales as the quality of the competition became evident. Gareth was an exception as he went through the exception as ne went inrough the rounds to reach the last four. His semi-final match against the Irish representative was extremely close, and came down to a single point, Gareth losing 6-5 leaving him with a

bronze medal.

Wayne was unfortunate to suffer a knee injury during his first bout as he scored a head kick on his opponent. The injury meant he could not continue and had to concede the bout.

Friday was the busiest day with all children's events taking place over nine areas of the impressive Palaspor Arena. Lauren, aged 13, was competing in the 13-14 year category and was up against a high quality field with some of her opponents over a year older than her.

Nevertheless, she performed with distinction in the kata (pre-arranged forms) qualifying for the second round but narrowly missing out on a place in the final six.

In the kumite, Lauren came up against an older and taller opponent Despite giving a brave and determined performance, her opponent's size and experience gave her the edge and a victory as Lauren bowed out.

All three then became supporters themselves, cheering on the rest of squad as they continued to increase the medal haul throughout the weekend.

Karate Wales is a new and

developing governing body, and this event was a huge step forward. Four gold, four silver and eight bronze medals signifies a massive success with only federations from Romania Italy, Poland, Russia and Belarus

outperforming Karate Wales!

Next will be The WUKF World Championships for children, cadets and juniors in Poland on the last

weekend of October.

Anyone wishing to learn karate with the Welsh Karate Union can contact chief instructor Sensei Paul Watson 6th Dan, on 07786 933165 or visit www.welshkarateunion.org.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS IN YOUR AREA

Children's Choir THE Maesteg children's choir will be performing its 28th annual concert tomorrow (Friday, June 27) at Maesteg Town Hall.

'Licence to Swing' will feature songs from James Bond and well known jazz and swing items

The musical director is Enid-Sian Hughes and the accompanist Ryan Wood, who commenced his musical career with the choir when he was 11 years

of age.

There is a change of compère this year – Huw Irranca-Davies, the MP for Ogmore.

There are also two terrific soloists: Neil Parker and Rhian

The show starts at 7pm and tickets are £7 for adults, and £5 for concessions obtainable from the town hall, all choristers, or on 07970 299878.

The choir rehearses at Plasnewydd primary school, Castle Street, Maesteg on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon and welcomes new members. Telephone Sian on 01656 732385 for more

information.

WI meets THE monthly meeting of Mynydd Cynffig Women's Institute was on June 10 in the Talbot Centre, Kenfig

Single storey granny annexe.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject

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Hill. The weather was atrocious and there were fewer members

than normally present. Several of the committee members were on holiday but it gave the deputies a chance to experience running the meeting and all went well

The details of the summer trip to Tenby and Christmas trip to Abbey Cwm Hir were finalised; and walks, competitions, and even a taster day to try archery and shooting, were discussed.

The guest speaker had telephoned to say she was sick, so members organised a quiz instead, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Members agreed that the link meeting in Aberkenfig was a great success and also the Ascot Ladies Day meeting with friends from the Glyn Hir WI, was a winner.

At the next meeting, Rebecca Spear will give a talk on Jane Austen, 'A Life in Writing' on July 8 at 2.30pm in the Talbot Centre. Visitors

welcome.

Home-start charity PEN y FAI WI's president opened the meeting on June 16. The speaker for the evening was unfortunately taken ill

and unable to attend.
Lesley Evatt the retired headteacher of Sarn nursery and now the manager of the Bridgend branch of the charity Home-start came along at short notice to give a talk on the work carried out by volunteers for the

charity. Home-Start is a national charity supporting families who are struggling to cope in more than 300 communities across the UK. Its support is delivered by volunteers, in the family's home, for a couple of hours every week. It also organises family groups and social events for

families. The charity supports any family that is struggling, especially where there is at least one child under five years of age.
The members were

then informed of arrangements for the day trip to Tyntesfield House, a National Trust property. A spectacular Victorian Gothic Revival house with gardens and parkland, it is a country house created by one of England's richest commoners, William Gibbs, who built his fortune on fertiliser.

There will also be a tea party on July 21 in Bryngarw country park at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome

Armed Forces Day THERE will be a series of events taking place in Bridgend town centre next Saturday (June 28) from 10am to 3pm.

As well as the annual Armed Forces Day

centre which will leave the Civic Offices at 11.30am, Major Wayne Morgan, of the Bridgend British Legion and Veterans' Association is very proud to organise the Armed Forces Day parade, particularly this year with the signing of

parade through the town

the Armed Forces Community Covenant in the centenary year of World War 1 **Patronal** festival ST TYFODWG church.

Glynogwr will be holding a Patronal festival, with songs of praise on Sunday, June 29 at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. Chorus

concert BRACKLA Community Chorus performs a winter and summer concert every year, and always includes a local school in its festivities.

This year's summer concert will take place at Brackla community centre with the choristers from Archdeacon John Lewis primary school, on Friday, July 4 at

7.15pm.

Ladies choir CÔR Merched Cwm Llynfi – Llynfi Valley ladies choir – will be holding its 25th annual concert in September at Maesteg town hall and included will be well-known celebrity guests.

In order to help pay

for this event the choristers are holding a table top sale in Maesteg Market at 10am on Friday, July 4. There will be many good quality items for

Although it has a Welsh title, one does not have to be able to speak Welsh to be a member of the choir, or be able to read music The choir has a wide

repertoire, ranging from Mozart's 'Ave Verum', songs from the shows. Welsh folk songs, and an Abba medley to the music of 'Queen' and Gloria Gaynor's 'I will survive'.

Anyone interested in joining Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi can go along to its rehearsal venue - the Celtic Club. Garth, Maesteg, any Wednesday at 7pm.

Membership is not confined to those living in the Llvnfi valley: in fact it has six choristers who travel from the Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr areas

Best wishes! GOOD luck to Miss Handley, a teacher at Tondu primary school who is retiring at the end of term.

Miss Handley is an old style teacher, loyal to the school.

She gave a lot of her free time to give the children an opportunity with extra-curricular activities. I was a volunteer at the school for over six years, and to me she was an outstanding teacher.

I wish her well for the future, I know she will keep involved with the community.

Wildlife Trust THE visitor centre at Parc Slip nature reserve, Tondu, will be closed for two weeks for essential maintenance work. The centre and coffee shop will re-open on

Bryncethin Women's Institute WOMEN in the Bryncethin, Garw and Ogmore Valleys are organising an

inaugural meeting tonight, June 26 in Bryncethin Memorial Hall at 7pm. Interested ladies are very welcome to discuss this exciting development.

The hall is located opposite Bryncethin primary school on the A4061; there are free parking facilities.

livestock manure and effluent. Michael's horse success

Who wants to

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Mr Ian Spiller - 3 Carn Wen, Broadlands,

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Mrs Gillian Owens - Foxtroy, 25 Derllwyn Road,

Tondu – Proposed conservatory extension.

Mr Peter Snell – 11 Eleanor Close Pencoed – Two

will reter Shell – It Eleanor Close, rencoed – Iwo storey extension to side and rear. Mr S R Middleton – Bridgeley House, Abergarw Road, Brynmenyn – Raise roof height to create

third storey to dwelling.

Ward Jones Bridgend Ltd – Garden of 2A The

Spinney, Brackla – One dwelling. Mr Geraint Rees – Neuadd Domos Farm,

Llangynwyd, Maesteg – Construct and erect a concrete slurry storage tank with ramp to hold

LOCAL horseman Michael King has qualified in two disciplines for the 2014 Horse of the Year Show in October.

Mike qualified in the ridden 13.2 and under class at the Lincolnshire Show on Thursday, June 19. On Saturday, June 21 at the Royal Highland Show, GR Edinburgh, he qualified

in the Private Driving after winning his class and then the championship

It is unusual for the same pony to achieve a double. His pony Coedfedw Sandstorm or Caru as he is known is a Welsh Section C Cob who Mike has produced to this high standard.

Bridgend bridge club

THE results for Bridgend 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays, are:

Wednesday, June 18 - First Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; second, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; third, Laura Woodruff and Mike Close.

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Friday, June 20 - First, John Griffith Whateley and Andy Robertshaw; second, Bill Turner and John Evans; A ne hird, Jane Brook and Wendy Williams.

Regular club nights take place on should Wates

Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton
Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at
7pm so it helps if people arrive at least

interest.

On Thursdays, from 2pm to 5pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily

available. The best placed improvers for June 19 were Linda Jenkins, Teresa Griffiths, Arthur Harvey and Francis

A new series of lessons is planned for the autumn and those interested should contact John Evans on 01656

880372 in order to register their

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NEW MERGE INAUGURAL PRES

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PRESENTATION nights at most sporting clubs tend to involve adding names to the honours board and handing over trophies that have been passed around the club for many years.

However, the presentation night at Penybont FC formed last year by the merger of Bridgend FC and Bryntirion FC – it was new cups and shields, with no previous owners

The inaugural presentation evening was held at the club's Bryntirion base, last Friday (June 20).



Veteran team player of the year award was presented to Vince Lewis (on left) by Steve Dalton OBE, director of the club.



Clubman of the year for outstanding srvice Derrick Jones presented by Emlyn Phillips, chairman of Penybont FC



The Chairman's Cup for invaluable contributions to the club, was handed to Mark Evans by club chairman, Emlyn Phillips.



Chris Pothercary was recognised for playing 300 matches for the club.



Reserve team player of the year, Rhys Llewellyn (second from right) is pictured with manager Lyndon Borge (second left) Richie Duckfield (left) and Carl Lewis (right).



First team young player of the year, Nathan Renfree (second from left).



Reserve team young player of the year, Ben Cribbs (second right).



Third team player of the year award to Chris Morgan (centre) was presented by manager Peter Goodwin (right) and Chris Pothercary.



First team player of the year and the club's top goal scorer, Anthony Rawlings (second left) with team manager Francis Ford (second right) along with Nigel Jordan (left) and Paul Wiseman (right).

Bulls stampede over the Demons

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls went defenders before crossing up to second place in the whitewash for his second of the game. league, storming to their 100th win as they cruised to their biggest Cardiff Demons, winning 86-18.

The Bulls opened the scoring through Lewis Allen with a fine team effort from just off their own line. Huw Rosser broke from deep before quick ball enabled Gareth Howells to put Allen over under the sticks.

Lee Harben-Jones followed soon

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The Bulls continued to pile the team's fourth of the match. great field position.

Cardiff Demons started to put some pressure on the Bulls try line but Bridgend soaked up everything that was thrown at them. Rosser fielded the kick on the fifth tackle to counter. The fullback had Paul Songhurst outside him and the winger ran the rest of the way to grab his first try for the club.

The Bulls further extended their lead as Songhurst crossed again in the corner soon after. The Demons soon cancelled that out as they immediately hit back through Simon Grisman. Ben

nit back through Shinon Grishian. Ben Kershaw converted.

Bridgend soon got back on track after a pin point kick off from Howells granted them possession. Tylon Mafi took the ball from the back of a scrum

and coasted through the defence.

Another try for the Bulls came through Jake Lewis as the young prop crossed underneath the sticks for a

which Kieran Hooper gathered calmly. The hooker broke exhibiting great footwork to put his team footwork to put his team in a promising position.

The ball came to Harben-Jones who

shrugged off the efforts of several

The second half started with Bridgend on top again. Howells and ever victory over The Bulls remained patient and it wasn't long until Rosser sliced his way through the defence to score.

Rosser followed up with another supporting Harben-Jones as he broke the line. The fullback completed his hat trick soon after, showing lethal

pace to run the ball in from halfway. He wasn't done there as he followed

points on the board. This time Howells found some space in the defence and grabbed a try.

The Demons touched down after being camped on Bridgend's try line for a long period of time as 17 year old Matt Alexis was on hand to score in the corner. Dan Henderson converted from From the resulting kick off, Howells

put a difficult kick up and found livewire Hooper who weaved his way around the remaining defenders to

Mafi followed that up with his second straight after and veteran Bulls player Stephen Smith stepped up to slot the conversion.

The Demons didn't stop playing and looked for a third try. The ball fell loose and Hooper was on hand to pick it up before running the rest of the field to bag his second of the match.

Cardiff clinched a third try through

Lewis touching down beneath the sticks for his second of the match.

Bridgend Athletic RFC welcomes special guests for presentation night

ATHLETIC held their 40th annual presentation their clubhouse on Saturday, June 21. The awards were presented by two former Bridgend, Wales and British Lions. Gareth Williams and 'Alfie' Gareth Thomas and the club would like to thank them both.

Clubman of the year went to life member and Athletic stalwart David Davison. As well as arranging this award ceremony, David has organised many fundraising functions at the club and brought in a considerable amount of much needed revenue through sponsorship deals he has put in place. He is also a founder through member of our Athletic youth team

The 1st XV player of the year went to the season's joint captain, flanker or No8 Sean Williams – nephew of Gareth. Sean is a previous recipient of this award in season 2008-2009 and has played in 173 1st XV fixtures. He bounced back from a serious knee injury which saw him miss the 2010-2011 season and is very inspirational leader.

Best back went to wing or full back Dan Howells who gained in confidence as the season progressed and became a

regular as a very pacey player and good tackler. The Daryl Dyke Memorial Award for Most Improved Player went to prop Matt Muir. Matt joined the previous season from Beddau and played in all fixtures this

scrummaging and mobility about the field made him a cornerstone of the pack, and we hope

of the pack, and we hope he will remain so for many seasons to come. The 2nd XV player of the year went to No 8 Rob Davies. Rob is a very forceful ball carrier and makes the pack tick. The best 2nd XV back was awarded to scrum half Stuart Kenny, Stuart has been with the club for many seasons and was a regular 1st XV who is now helping a successful 2nd XV with his experience.

The captain's awards went jointly to Simon Mustoe and Sean Mustoe and Sean Williams for the 1st XV. Unfortunately Simon broke his ankle in a pre-season friendly and Sean stepped into the breach until Simon returned midway through the season. The 2nd XV award went to outside half Tom Cole, who was the side's leading points scorer with 160 points. A



AROVE: Tom Cole receives the Second XV Captain's Award from Gareth Thomas.

bouquet of flowers was presented presented to clul stewardess Jan Jenkins. club

The 1st XV finished a very creditable eighth in very creditable eighth in a very competitive C h a m p i o n s h i p, competing with former household names like Ebbw Vale, Pontypool, Newbridge and Cardiff Metropolitan.

If their second half of the season had been mirrored in the first half they would have finished second. It is hoped that they can take that form into next

A highlight of the season was beating Cardiff at the Arms Park in a friendly in January. They also beat the second and third placed Championship finiteers Championship finishers Cardiff Metropolitan and RCG1404 at home.

The same coaching team of head coach John Apsee, David Williams, Stuart Morris and Ian Greenslade will again be present this season, as will team manager Paul Hearne. Former club captain Matthew Hillman and Ospreys Development Officer Tom Cole will also assist with some training

sessions. The club are also grateful to club physic Chloe Osterloft and her assistant Bob Lewis; also match day and training assistants Phil Godwin. Neil Minchinton, Matthew Thomas and Ian Peploe.

Thomas and Ian Peploe.
Thanks are also in order to photographers
Graham Glenndinning of Glennsports and Kerry Fothergill for match day press and website photographs.
The 2nd XV had an excellent season.

excellent excellent season, finishing District League runners up losing to Heol Y Cyw in the playoff final after doing the double over them in actual league fixtures Tony Griffiths will remain coach and Liam Griffiths team manager. The club would also like to thank Andrew Tellem for his match day assistance.

Senior training will commence at 6.30pm Tuesday, July 1, at the Merthyr Mawr Sand dunes. New players at 1st and 2nd XV level very welcome to take part. For further details contact team manager Hearne 07970348065.

this demanding financial age when supporting two senior teams, a youth team and age groups from under-7-under-16s, a very important part is played by sponsors who help fund pitch hire, match day buses, training kit, match balls and many other ancillary

activities.

The club are very grateful to all sponsors no matter what they contribute, for without their generosity rugby at this level would not exist

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Clubman of the Year David Davison receives his award from former Bridgend, Wales and British Lion Gareth Thoma



Prop Matt Muir receives the Daryl Dyke Memorial Award for Most Improved Player from Gareth Williams.

Charity challenge for local golfers



Wayne Burnell, Ray Hapgood, Max Harvey and John Jones

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For further information, google the Macmillan Longest Day This gruelling challenge involves Challenge online, or contact 07719

York just too good for the Scorpions

YORK went back to the top of Championship 1 after a solid performance at South Wales Scorpions where they always looked in control, winning 48-10.

It was by no means a walkover as the Scorpions fought in patches but didn't look consistent enough to get near to a win.

An error from kick-off allowed York to pound the home side's line straight away and they made no mistake after Ben Dent dived over on the wing after being set up by James Ford. Ben Reynolds' conversion attempt hit the post.

Scorpions looked for a way back in. Mike Connor was illegally held over the line and from the penalty, Jordan Sheridan was held up; but when York got the ball back they turned on the style, Colton Roche scoring after good work from James Haynes and Ed Smith. Reynolds had no problem with the kick and they were 10-0

up. Scorpions opened their account on 11 minutes after Jack Pring made a lovely one-two with Ian Newbury to ground left of the sticks, but York addressed the balance on 18 minutes when York assistant coach James Ford crossed following a penalty; Reynolds missed the kick.

The home side had a try chalked off on 25 minutes after Jordan Sheridan was offside when he received

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Emanuelli's grubber kick. York made them pay from the next attack when Ben Dent received Ben Ford's pass to score in the corner. Reynolds again failed to land the extras. York also had a try

ruled out for obstruction but they made no mistake next time after Jack Lee and Pat Smith worked well for the Knights skipper to score. Reynolds converted to give York a 24-4 lead at the break.

Mike Connor broke the second half deadlock as he eased through the Knights defence in the 46th minute: Emanuelli converted.

The visitors again addressed the balance when Dent notched his hat-trick, a clever move charging down the field to go in under the posts giving Reynolds an easy

Knights increased their lead when Ford got the better of the Scorpions' back-line to score in the corner then Reynolds set up Haynes who broke 40 metres to

run under the sticks before the creator added

the extras.
Following a long delay due to injury to debutant Harry Cartwright, Reynolds went from creator to scorer as he scored York's ninth try of the day, converting easily himself.

Scorpions finished the stronger side but couldn't break through the defence for a final

Pring stopped York reaching the 50 mark as he out-jumped Tyler Craig to save a certain

try.

Then at the other end Mike Connor almost got a last minute consolation but he lost the ball when diving for the line, while Jordan Sheridan was pulled back in the dying seconds as he chased his own chip kick but the referee had spotted an infringement.

Scorpions now have a week off before hosting Oxford back at Maesteg RFC on Saturday, July

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DRAISEY Raymond

Peacefully on the 19th June 2014, Raymond of Boverton. Dearly loved husband of the late Audrey, and much loved father of Sheila and son in law Steve, and a loving grandfather to Andrew and Scott. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Family Notices

ROBINSON[®]

Jeffrey, Justin, Stuart, Helen, William and Catherine would like to thank the hundreds of people who came to honour the life of our beloved wife, mother and Nana at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday 16th June. We were overwhelmed to see the church so full, and very sorry that our appointment at the Crematorium afterwards meant that we were unable to stop and thank everyone personally at the end of the service.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to our friends who organised the reception in the Llanmaes Village Hall on Monday afternoon, and to all who made donations to the Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre to honour Anne's memory.

We have been greatly comforted by the hundreds of cards, letters and messages of support that we have received since Anne's death. Anne's earthly remains now rest at St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes and although we miss her terribly, we rejoice that her soul is now with God and that those who share her faith can look forward to a happy reunion one day.

Grateful thanks also to Reverend Huw Butler, Rector of Llantwit Major and the clergy team and also to William James & Sons, Fonmon.

** JONES Evan John (John)

After a brave fight, John passed away at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on June 17.

John, dearly beloved husband of Glenys, much loved dad of Sally, Russell and Elizabeth, respected father-in-law of Chris, Claire and Peter, loving Gramps of grandsons Gareth, Alec, Sam and Ben.

Resting at AG Adams and Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Thursday June 26 at 11.00am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Action For Pulmonary Fibrosis www.actionpulmonaryfibrosis.org

BOUNDSGrace Winifred

Peacefully on June 21 at Abergarw Manor, Brynmenyn, Grace of Llantwit Major, beloved wife of the late Bill, dearly loved mother of Robert, John and Suzanne, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday July 1, service and cremation 3pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

ROWLANDS Peter James

Peacefully on June 18, at St. Davids Hospital Cardiff after a short illness, Peter of Boverton, beloved husband of the late Caroline and the late Ray, dearly loved father of Simon and step-father of Lee, father-in-law of Helena and Sophie, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday July 3, service 2.30pm at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment in Llantwit Major Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home or donations to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

Barbara M. Davies

John and family would like to thank all friends, neighbours and relations for the kindness shown during the recent loss of Barbara.

Also many thanks to the very caring and professional dedication shown from doctors and nurses of Cowbridge Health Centre and the wonderful support of 'Cherish Cymru' Homecare Group and not forgetting the Reverend David Boult and Thomas Brothers undertakers for their friendly and understanding help through this period.

'Woggy' Warren Pemberton

A true Gentleman and very gentle man, fondly remembered by all who knew him.

HARDING Suzanna

Peacefully on June 24 at her home in Rhoose, Sue, loving wife of John, mother of Lee, Nicholas and Daniel, mother-in-law of Melanie, devoted sister of Jackie, aunt of Samantha and Sam, sister-in-law of Russ and Gill. Sue, who fought her long illness with great strength, will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday July 4, service and cremation 11am at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research U.K. c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

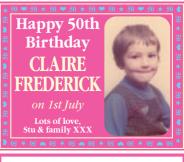
Thank You

Wing Commander Allan and Jean Bruce of Cowbridge

would like to say a huge thank you to all family and friends who helped to make their 70th Anniversary so memorable.

Birthdays

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Happy 50th Birthday

Claire Frederick

on 1st July

Lots of love, Natt, Jimmy & Girls xxxx





Cowbridge Comprehensive School's youngsters shine at athletics events



THE Year 8 and 9 girls took part in the under-15 girls athletics championships at Leckwith Stadium in the rain on Wednesday, June 4.

Due to the severe weather conditions, only athletes who had spikes were allowed to compete on the track, which meant some of the Cowbridge athletes could not compete.

Despite the severe weather Cowbridge's Jessica

Wadey was crowned county champion in the 300m in a time of 45.36s. Megan Hodgson is also county champion in the pole vault which was postponed on June 4 due to the weather and took place at NIAC on June 13. Megan won with a height of 2m50 on a new personal best.

Silver medals went to Tirion Evans in the pole vault also with a new personal best of 2m50 Jessica Wadey came second in the 800m with a time of 2m30. Sophie Oddy came second in the 1500m walk in 11 mins, 33 secs. Bronze medals were won by Megan Hodgson in the 75m hurdles in 12.95s.

Other competitors and results were: 100m - Molly Ann Rees 7th in heat 15.51s; 200m - Ffion McNamee 5th in heat 31.96s; 200m - Nia Davies 5th in heat 32.6; 300m - Sophie Rees 6th in heat 52.72; 800m - Meriel Clode 9th in final 2m43; 1500m - Emily Jenkins 7th in final 6m04; 75m hurdles - Sophie Rees 5th in 'B'final 15.96s;

Seconds earn a fine victory

the Russell. intervention of the British weather, Cowbridge seconds welcomed taking three quick west Wales club wickets as Bronwydd Bronwydd to the were bowled out for 119. Athletic Ground

surroundings Russell 21. showed off the Seemingly Cowbridge Cowbridge ground at its very best, an excellent spitch and beautifully resulted in a clatter of mown outfield.

season Cowbridge won now appeared far less so the toss and after recent The team and batting collapses decided supporters need not have to bowl first. Two players worried. Out of at opposite ends of the retirement came the age range, young Rian vastly experienced Thomas and the former 1st XI batsman experienced John Gilbert Robert Thomas and his

miserly self, conceding the younger players ease just 28 runs off his 15 closer to the target. overs, Thomas providing good pace and swing for 3-14.

through excellent ground Cowbridge to victory. fielding and catching in At the end Cowbridge support of the bowlers won by two wickets and including a superb direct collected 22 points. hit run out by Joe JB

Mike Hordley brough matters to a swift conclusion when introduced to the attack

After tea Cowbridge Athletic Ground last Saturday for set about chasing the target with aplomb, Rian game of the season.

After the Cround state of the season and the season are a compiling an excellent 40 and Joe

For the first time this once seemed certain it

opened the bowling. experience proved to be
Gilbert was his usual invaluable as he helped

Robert's excellent footwork against the spinners enabled him to steer the ball into gaps in Pressure built up on steer the ball into gaps in the Bronwydd batsmen the field as he took

1500m walk - Jasmine Emery 5th in final 11m25; 4 x 100 - Cowbridge team 8th overall 58.35s; Shot Hannah Sloan 16th overall with 6m69; Javelin Molly Williams 11th overall with 14m37.

Congratulations to all girls who took part Congratulations to the Year 9 & 10 girl's athletics team who came first in the knockout cup B'final. Cowbridge B team came eighth in the same event.

Results as follows: A team: 100m Mia Sexton 2nd, 200m Nia Davies 8th, 800m Cerys Bradshaw 1st, 1500m Molly Ann Rees 4th, 75m hurdles Niamh Galton 2nd, 4 x 100m 1st, high jump Niamh Galton 1st, long jump Nai Davies 3rd, shot Katie Johnson 5th, discus Olivia Davies 4th and Javelin Sian Smith 2nd.

The B team who came 8th, results as follows: The B team who came 8th, results as follows: 100m Annie Lloyd 7th, 200m Sophia Harpin 6th, 800m Jemma Viney 6th, 1500m Selina Radcliffe 5th, 75m hurdles Molly Price 7th, 4 x 100m 7th. High jump Molly Price 2nd with a new personal best of 1m50. Long jump Annie Lloyd 5th, shot Hannah Sloan 8th, discus Jemma Viney 5th, javelin Molly Williams 3rd. Well done to all the competitions on an excellent result for sidily. competitors on an excellent result for girl's athletics.

YEAR 7 & 8
The under-14 athletics A team finished second behind Glantaf and will travel to Brecon for the Welsh Plate Final on July 9.

Also well done to the under-14 B athletics team who finished sixth in the Cardiff and Vale Final. Individual scores as follows: 100m - Tirion



Evans 6th 14.06 (A), Stephanie Brownhill 8th 15.97 (B); 200m Jordan Meek 2nd 27.86 (A), Laura 15.97 (B); 200m Jordan Meek 2nd 27.86 (A), Laura Annetts 1st 29.65 (B); 800m Jessica Wadey 1st 2.27.45 (A); Emily Jenkins 2nd 3.00.55 (B); 1500m Meriel Clode 5th 5.46.19 (A), Sophie Hawkins 2nd 5.51.77 (B); 70m Hurdles Megan Hodgson 1st 11.79 (A), Sophie Rees 3rd 13.81 (B); 4 x 100 relay 2nd 54.58 (A), 6th 60.24 (B); High Jump Megan Hodgson 1st 1.40m (A), Sophie Rees 3rd 1.30 (B); Long Jump Jessica Wadey 8th 3.67 (A), Emily Jenkins 8th 3.06 (B); Shot Jordan Meek 8th 6.24 (A). Stephanie Brownhill 8th 4.62 (B): Discus 6.24 (A), Stephanie Brownhill 8th 4.62 (B); Discus Sarah Jones 6th 15.17 (A), Sophie Hawkins 7th 11.69 (B); Javelin Ffion McNamee 3rd 17.70 (A), Ellie Inker 7th 11.87 (B).

OLIVER RETURNS

Former pupil Oliver Hitchings has returned to school this week to re-sit an A level maths exam.

He was a popular student at the school and he has been well received by his former teachers and staff. Ollie has been living in France for this past year while playing for the Bay of Biscay Rugby Club Biarritz Olympique Pays Basque. Having initially signed a one year development contract, he has now signed a one year full time deal which will enable him to concentrate on becoming a regular starter in

Ollie was due to fly out to Singapore this week to play in the National 10s tournament but instead put his academic studies first choosing to return for the maths exam.

Everyone at the school wishes Ollie all the best for the future - bon voyage!

Oliver Hitchings. Convincing win for the ladies

THE lady bowlers of Cowbridge postponed their CCS match away at Pengelli, in order to attend the funeral of David Jones, a longtime club member.

Playing on the Thursday in a league match at home to Barry Central, the ladies had a convincing win of 77 shots to 33. Sadly, once again a visiting team could only manage to bring nine players resulting in their losing a quarter of their score on each rink; still, our ladies won well.

Rink teams and scores: Diane Purnell, Anne Jarvis, Joy Woolford and skip Joan Bradley had a big win of 29-5.

The rink of Janet Morton, Kay Edwards, Sandra Collin and Skip Sue Flower also had a good win 29-7, and on the rink of Lin Wallace, Carvl Davies, Pat Holdsworth and skip Shirley Wilkinson, they had a closer game and won 19-11.

The ladies have two home matches next week, CCS against Porthcawl Ladies and league against Millwood.

The men bowlers played their Munro Cup all four rinks.

The best rink was chieved by Gerwyn Watkins, Len Taylor,

the rink of Danny Powell, Norman Wilkinson, Clive Pritchard and skip John Trott, with the score at 9-13 down; going into the last end, we dropped

Dunsworth, Ron Woolford, Brian

league match away against Fairoak, on a beautiful sunny day at Roath Park, we lost 68-99, but won on two rinks to gain four points. The winning rinks were Clive Pritchard, Mike Bradley, Guy Morton and skip Steve Dickens, who won 19-15, and on the rink of Ron Frayling, Len Taylor, Byron Richards and skip Roger Barwick they won 22-

Skip Norman Wilkinson's rink lost 13-31, and skip Brian Williams' rink lost 14-33. Our next league match is at home to

Easy Cup win for local bowlers L L A N T W I T Llantwit's initial burst winning the last four won 28-21; Llantwit MAJOR'S home produced 18 shots ends, taking eight shots. were level on the fifth fixture in the without reply. In the final stages of the match won 25-15, and Llantwit game, scoring 12 shots Munro Cup was I lenvity corred another set off to good ctent over the next is radic.

very one sided 21 sh against Belle Vue ends.

answer to Llantwit's ends

Munro Cup was Llantwit scored another very one sided 21 shots over the last five

(Penarth) with Graham Jones' rink L l a n t w i t won 28-11, with Llantwit starting briskly, being 13 overwhelming them 129-35. starting bilskiy, being 15 shots up after the first four ends. Belle Vue Steve Booker's rink reduced the deficit with a won 47-4, and this was score of three but Llantwit's biggest win Llantwit replied, scoring with Belle Vue having no 14 shots over the next six

Belle Vue then rallied.

Local horse's trophy success

Jeffrey and Andrea Bird, has shared Pyle. George in south and west Doncaster Wales for 2014.

R E P E A T
BUSINESS, owned achieved two impressive victories at Howick and Lanvapley before slipping on a bend at

Recommended Williams Trophy for Andrea's cousin, James the leading horse in Tudor, who then rode the maiden category him in all his races, the horse was bought at the Doncaster sales in August 2013. Repeat Wales for 2014.

The six year old gelding was baulked on expanding Merthyr his debut at the seventh Mawr yard of Andrea's fence at Kingston Blount in Oxfordshire and fell.

August 2013. Repeat Leather Teganica in lead on the ninth end but lead then fluctuated with Llantwit just getting home by one shot.

JB Graham Jones' rink

after eight ends.

Belle Vue then won the next five ends, scoring nine shots, but Llantwit then quelled any Belle Vue revival by winning the last few

opposite numbers with one of them regularly getting the shot; Llantwit

won all but four ends. Llantwit then made the journey to Taffs Well for their league match on Saturday. The result was in the balance right up to

Steve Booker's rink won 18-17 as Llantwit held the lead until the sixth end only for Taffs Well to score six shots over the next two ends; Llantwit regained the

got off to a good start over the next six ends; with a score of 12 shots Llantwit consolidated their lead with a score of six on the 18th end to win

by seven shots. Charles Hiscock's rink lost 16-25; Llantwit were winning the last few scoring three shots but raffs Well then came out Neville Young's rink on top, scoring 10 shots won 29-5, as Llantwit's two front men, Adrian despite a valiant effort by Woods and Tony Llantwit they could not Thomas, outbowled their get back in the game opposite numbers with up on the third end after despite winning the last

three ends,
Neville Young's rink lost 17-18, and Llantwit started badly, being six shots down after the eighth end. They then recovered, scoring six shots over the next three the last bowl, with Taffs ends and then had a good Well winning 81-79. ends and then had a good spell with Adrian Woods and Kyle Garrison finding their length and putting in some good

Llantwit held a one shot advantage going into the final end only to

lose by two shots.

Next Saturday Llantwit are home to Llantrisant.

and lost 44-78, losing on

interest

Capgem

Ron Frayling and skip Dennis Snelling, who just lost 15-19. On the rink of John Collin, Bryan Hole, Guy Morton and skip Steve

Dickens, they lost 13-21. After a close game on

a 6 to lose 9-19.
On the rink of Terry Williams and skip Alan Wallace, they lost 7-19. Playing our third

match away at Millwood Bargoed.

VALE KARATE NETS MEDALS IN VERONA

PICTURED: From left, Heidi (bronze in Kata); Amy (gold in Kumite); Leah (silver in Kumite). Front: Chiara (gold in

KARATE WALES sent a squad of 40 competitors from seven clubs and associations, plus eight coaches and a to the (World referee WUKF Union of Karate-Do Federations) European Championships for all ages, which took place in Verona, Italy from June 11-

The squad was joined by dozens of family and supporters.

This was probably the biggest karate squad ever to leave Wales for the continent and was packed with quality. Vale Karate were right in the thick of things with nine athletes in 16 categories. Thursday was the first

day of competition and featured events for veteran competitors in four age bands; 36-40, 41-45, 46-50 and 51

plus. Heidi Christoforato has teamed up with her daughter Kloe in the Welsh Karate League this season to dominate the 'Parent and Child'

Kloe is one of Wales' top young champions, but Heidi, although not a regular competitor, mirrors Kloe's technique and speed.

In the Ladies' Veteran 'A' category, Heidi showed that although lacking mat-time, a cool head, more than her fair share of talent and years of dedicated training can pay great dividends. Her performance

Her performance brought the strong Wales contingent to their feet and opened Wales' medal account, earning a bronze medal behind extremely good Italians.

Friday was the busiest day, with all children's day, with all clinical 3 events taking place over nine areas of the impressive Palasport formidable Kolliani made winning medal this age group mammoth task.



Baker was Vale Karate and Karate Wales' star at last years E u r o p e a n Championships, taking the WUKF 10 years and under European title.
The Welsh squad and

spectators were thrilled as it emerged that Chiara's main opposition in Verona would come from within the Welsh squad! With Sumaya Evans and Aaliyah Wiley, both from Cardiff Shotokan, joining her in the final.

After a wobbly start, Chiara was back in fourth place going into the final, 0.3 behind Aaliyah and 0.2 behind Sumaya.

Chiara delivered a great Kata in the final, earning 24.6, Sumaya earned 24.3, with Aaliyah scoring 23.9, meaning Chiara had again taken the European title, just 0.1 ahead of Sumaya who took silver with Aaliyah taking the bronze

Sumaya and Aaliyah also proved to be the strongest of the entry in the 10 years and under girls Kumite division and to the delight of Karate Wales, Sumaya took the European title with Aaliyah the silver medalist!

Karate Vale indeed Karate Wales has many exciting and extremely promising 11-14 year olds in the squad, but the strength of the youth in the squads from all over Europe, in particular the hosts Italy and the formidable Romanians, made winning medals in

Beavers hold triathlon event

FOLLOWING the bike ride and a 5km run. triathlon, Barry Disabled groups Beavers triathlon 14, starting from across south Wales. The club is run by volunteers.

Application forms for the control of the club is run by volunteers. Centre at 9.30am; Application forms for the triathlon can be competitors and 421632

The event consists of a com.
40 length swim, 10km

teams.

success of last year's The entry fee is £10 for individuals and £15 for

The event will raise Swimming Club money for the swimming will be holding their club to help towards the second mini fun cost of the pool hire and on fund buses to take the Sunday, September swimmers to other galas

this year's event is obtained from Sarah Davies; telephone 01446 sarahdavies2110@gmail

Max. Harrison, Josh Emma and Kloe all worked hard and are talented and full of skill, however, things didn't go their way on this occasion and they left without medals.

Leah Copeland and Amy Davis compete against each other constantly in the Ladies Kumite event of the Kumite event of t

In Verona, they competed in separate categories, Leah in the Junior Ladies (18-20) and Amy in the Seniors (18-35) both stepped up a level and quite literally put in the best Kumite performances of their lives, full of excitement for the spectators, to reach Sunday's finals. On Sunday, Leah was up against the brilliant

reigning champion from Romania and although she gave 100 per cent, it was not to be and Leah earned the silver medal.

Her progress in Kumite and Kata, where she also reached the final six, but failed to reach the podium, has been dramatic with

much more to come. Amy was the surprise package of the squad. Her final occurred as Luke's ended, but on the other side of the arena.
The whole Welsh

contingent ran around the stands in order not to miss her final, and such was the support that the announcer a "Wales, please quiet!" asked:

Wales weren't quiet and Amy took the gold medal in style.

Amy also then competed in the 'Best of the Best', a competition between the different weight category winners. Amy beat the under -60Kg champion before narrowly losing to the plus-60Kg winner. There were no medals in this category, only the winner earning a trophy. Karate Wales is a new

and developing governing body, but with huge potential, and this event was a very big step forward.

The Karate Wales medal tally of four gold four silver and eight bronze medals signifies a massive success, with only federations from Romania, Italy, Poland, Russia and Belarus outperforming Karate Wales!

The WUKF World Championships for Children, Cadets and Juniors takes place in Poland on the last weekend of October. ROBERT

Llantwit Major Cavs prosper against Neath

XI were feeling confident of securing a against a side they beat comfortably both home and away last season.

Upon arrival, it was clear to see that Neath had a very different team from last season. Having won the toss the Cavs invited the opposition to bat first on what was a wicket full of runs.

Sam Pickford caused the Neath openers all sorts of problems early on with some quick and asionally aggressive swing bowling while at the other end Julian Griffiths continued his recent form with some accurate fast bowling.

It was to be Pickford who would take the early

spoils taking two wickets with less than 10 overs gone; the opposition was reduced to 12 for 2.

The Cavs had their tails up but did not have to wait much longer before Jimbo Thomas added another wicket to his tally for this season thanks to a ood catch on the midwicket boundary from Julian Griffiths.

Neath then set about rebuilding their innings. Despite the runs drying up and boundaries being well protected the Neath middle order continued to frustrate the Cavs as runs slowly added up.

After a period of play that would have surely seen the scorers catching 40 winks, Jimbo Thomas took his second wicket of the game while Gareth Hughes and Adrian Asthon (back from a recent ankle injury) battled away at the other end but did not enjoy any success

In a move that rolled back the years, the Cavs turned to James Snelson and Michael Wood who had once formed a formidable opening partnership with the ball.

Snelson struck first with an edge that was caught behind and the Cavs were immediately lifted. With chairman Neal Pritchard reminding the team to leave nothing on the pitch and take all 10 wickets, concentration was high and confidence grew.
Wood and Snelson reduced the run rate and had

the Neath batsman utterly perplexed with good old fashioned swing bowling that was both clever and

Wood earned his bragging rights by taking a triple wicket maiden in his second over which included a hat-trick ball. Neath ended their innings with 197 all out, a score that saw Wood and Snelson lead their teammates off the field proving you only need six overs to take six wickets.

After enjoying a well deserved tea, (thanks to the Cheal family), the Cavs set about chasing the total down. Openers James Snelson and Mark Coldwell got the Cavs off to a good start before Coldwell succumbed and the Cavs were 63 – 1.

It was to be Snelson (43) and Griffiths (41) who

and they helped to move the Cavs on with less than 100 runs to chase before they both found themselves back in the pavilion.

The middle order failed to see the first team home with Thomas, Withers and Asthon failing to make significant scores. It fell upon Sam Pickford's broad shoulders to carry the Cavs home. Pickford (26no) set about his innings in a calm fashion and occasionally providing some of Neath's more enthusiastic youngsters plenty of time to consider what they did wrong as they fetched the ball.

The Cavs have closed the gap between themselves and Great Western as well as first place Felinfoel who both have had their games at Windmill Lane cancelled to the some bad weather earlier in the

The Cavs would like to thank their sponsors: Simons Plaice, Anthony Brown Estate Agents, Chiropodist Roz Couzens, Accesstraining co.uk, Red Dragon Computers, Llantwit Major Autocentre, Jaipur Bangladeshi & Indian Cuisine and Nathaniel for their much appreciated sponsorship of the club







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Bad weekend for Vale cricket teams

VALE 1sts suffered the next wicket but this three defeat at Dinas Powys. Vale well although not chance erratic running from the Pike then holding a catch skipper Switch free, and had moved into skipper saw two team at long on off Yates and the 80s and looked on mates run out and Vale finally Mark Francis held his winning run of course for his first failed to bat out their on to a skier off winning the toss and century when he offered overs, being bowled out Taylor leaving the home to be added to the additional to the skier off the winning the toss and the skier of the sk chose to bat first.

Despite losing an early wicket Vale made a reasonable start to the The score caught for a well played

suffered the next wicket but this innings of 23 from Chris back into the game. Pike wicket partnership was ended Bradshaw. produced an aggressive when Williams fell for Vale didn't help bouncer for Horton to Yates was batting well although not chance up a catch and fell for 89, his third half century of

innings progressing to 66 with overs remaining and before Ben Horton was Vale were still on course We needed but unfortunately their Matthew Williams and innings fell away badly

Seaside fun!

Tuesday, weather. Porthcawl Ladies travelled to Lantwit Major to found it difficult to adjust to the fast green to the f play a CCS match; to the fast green

L.Crouch, M.Horgan the game was L.Crouch, M.Horgan played in glorious V.Baelz and M.Lewis 10sunshine.

The teams were: L.Crouch, M.Horgan, P.Pike and V.Baelz 22-12; M.Lewis, P.Brown, J.Molloy and C.Willmot C.Willmot and P.Cook 19-5&1/4.
14-18; K.Johnes, Etta's team wer M.Andrews, M.Morgan and J.Molloy 16-9.

town, at Barry Island. club Unfortunately the results Tuesday. were not as good as the

The score was 193-6

Vale were still on course for a score around 250 Billy Yates added 64 for despite an entertaining

16. Carol's team, while having the advantage of playing against three thrived on the fast green - K.Johnes, P.Pike

M.Andrews, ... and J.Molloy 16-9.

Pat Brown, who was playing in her first club game, had a very score one more point enjoyable game and is E.Hardie, D.Hurley, looking forward to her next one.

On Thursday it was being served a lovely teal trum to travel to Barry Ladies do not forget it is the H and J Semmens.

competition

needed wickets and catch standing up to unfortunately we didn't Darren Upham. get them. A couple However, Vale finally of catches when down succumbed in the 48th of N Piddock, who had taking seven points.
made 56, thanks to an In the end Vale were a made 56, thanks to an excellent catch

themselves as some take the catch behind, erratic running from the Pike then holding a catch

overs, being bowled out Taylor leaving the home in the 46th over. The 217 side 155-5 with the game posted looked to be in the balance. probably short by about Two further wickets 30 runs given how quick fell as Taylor took a

catch off and Horton held a great

or catches when down succumbed in the 48th and gave both openers a over as A Rizvi came in life and Dinas Powys and blasted a quick fire progressed to 93 before 20 as Dinas Powys Matthew Williams got secured a maximum the well deserved wicket points victory with Vale

by few runs short and some Hogben. important catches

It was another 40 runs dropped cost the side
before Ollie Pike took a dear. However, with fine catch at long off to Dinas at one point on give Tom Taylor the first 136-1, Vale made them of his two wickets.

Vale then had a good
spell which brought them

of his two wickets.

work hard for the victory
which was credit to the
fighting spirit of the side.

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 17:

First, Peter Millar and Mike Close, 67.86 per cent second, Ann and Sean Macdougall, 64.88 per cent;

third, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook, 61.46 per cent Congratulations to Mark Roderick who was in the winning east Wales team that participated in the open event for the Perry Shield and congratulations to Irene Thomas, who was in the winning west Wales team that won the Spickett Bowl in the ladies event.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Bery CW Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. Dave Reed

Vale's bowling figures were O Pike 10-1-36-2, N Hogben 9-1-36-0, D Hogben 9-1-36-0, D Upham 5.2-0-48-1, M D control.

took a brecon elected to bat aims
Pike assembled a slightly
a great below-par 234-8 on a
up to superb wicket and
lightning fast outfield.
finally Given these
toriumstances, the
bowling and for the

with hostility to claim supplemented by three wickets, while the Kannan's 21 slog at the

Gerwyn chipped in

A poor batting performance saw Vale seconds lose badly to Brecon on Saturday.

Winning a good toss, Brecon elected to bat and assembled a slightly say a to bat at the end of the to bat at the end of the order, and this probably contributed to a lack of focus from the talented but inexperienced line-

circumstances, the but inexperienced inne-bowling and – for the up.

most part – fielding effort was to be praised.

Mike Barnett bowled of application and his 24,

mid-innings spells from end, meant the Vale Steve and Matt Harper and Harrish Kannan gave out. WIF

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Golf Club into the quarter final of the South Wales Senior Classic.

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format. The St Andrews team comprised: Mike Cockfield (c), Brian

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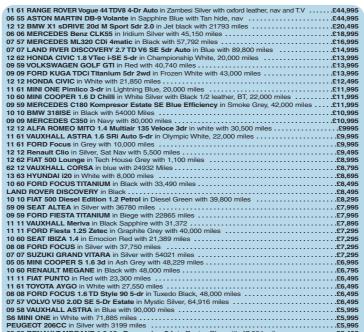








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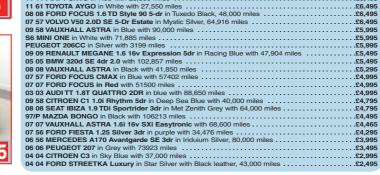




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Welsh anguish has silver lining as the display puts RWC goal back on track



The beginning of the end to Welsh hopes as Charteris gets his marching orders, soon to be joined in the sin bin by Biggar – reducing the team to 13 men – which cost 14 points and let the struggling Springboks back into the game.







ABOVE, left and right: Jamie Roberts and Alex Cuthbert score two of the tries that raised Welsh hopes - only to be dashed by the referee's late penalty try award (centre).

"OH NO, NOT AGAIN!"

ELSH frustration could be felt all the way from Nelspruit to Nantymoel, as a truly monumental effort to claim an elusive South African scalp, was agonisingly denied by a penalty try awarded in the dying minutes of Saturday's pulsating second test.

And what a superb effort it was – as Warren Gatland's team, showing only two changes from the limp side ruthlessly crushed in the 38-16 first test defeat at Durban just the week before, were suddenly transformed into a potent attacking force – and this time the boot was on the other foot, with the vaunted 'Boks desperately scrambling to stay on terms straight from the kick-off.

Head coach Gatland had been under pressure from a passionate nation of three million rugby selectors and a strident media calling for wholesale Welsh changes after the first test horror show, but stood staunchly by his tried and tested squad – with only veteran Adam Jones making way for young Samson Lee at tight head and flanker Josh Turnbull coming in to add more breakdown muscle on the problem open-side.

The players rewarded the

The players rewarded the Kiwi's faith in full with a remarkable, all-round team performance that must surely rank as one of their most commanding and convincing of recent years – and certainly didn't deserve the heartbreak of a 31-30 defeat – after having led all the way for all but four minutes to full time.

Little wonder that a visibly disappointed Gatland confessed afterwards that it was probably the toughest defeat of the whole of his coaching career, adding – "We are absolutely gutted".

He refused to blame referee Steve Walsh

He refused to blame referee Steve Walsh (no stranger to controversy) for awarding the last ditch penalty try, after ruling that

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

Wales fullback Liam Williams had prevented a certain touchdown in the corner with an illegal shoulder charge tackle on Springbok wing Cornal Hendricks.

The resulting straightforward conversion bang in front of the posts clinched an unlikely one-point victory for the mightily-relieved South Africans – their 26th in 28 matches between the two. Wales have only won once with one match drawn, both at home.

home.
"It was a big improvement on the first test.
We had worked very hard and I am proud of
the turnaround... But we just weren't quite
good enough," Gatland summed up
candidly.

Mind you, that certainly did not seem to be the case for the bulk of the 80 minutes, for in complete contrast to the Durban noshow, this time it was a far more purposeful and dynamic Wales who started off with real intent.

A revitalised Mike Phillips shrugged off pre-match media speculation that his place was under serious threat, to lead the way with trademark charges upfield from the base of the scrum, and wing Alex Cuthbert also showed a heartening appetite to get involved as the Welsh attack suddenly remembered how good it is and slipped smoothly into gear.

The intense pressure told, forcing the startled Springboks into uncharacteristic errors. Outside half Dan Biggar, who had failed with an earlier penalty attempt, then made no mistake to put Wales 3-0 ahead.

His opposite number, Morne Steyn, failed

His opposite number, Morne Steyn, failed to level the score when Wales were penalised but the tourists then had a purple handling patch with the predatory Cuthbert again highly prominent – first giving a try-scoring pass to Jamie Roberts and then rounding off

a flowing team movement with a try of his own. Both were converted by Biggar to give Wales a 17-0 lead with just 22 minutes gone.

If the stunned Springboks had expected the second test to follow a similar pattern to the first hopelessly one-sided affair, they now realised that such complacency was misplaced, and that the rampant men in red were no longer the easy pushover of a week before. It stung them into action...

Suddenly, it was Wales scrambling in frantic defence on their own line and the purple patch was replaced by the red mist of indiscipline, when in the space of four minutes, first Luke Charteris was handed a yellow card, and then Biggar was also sent to the sin bin – and a penalty try awarded – reducing the tourists to 13 men against one of the top three sides in the world, and threatening a mortal blow to Welsh hopes.

As it was, just as in the previous week, when Jamie Roberts spent 10 minutes in the sin bin, it proved costly – for the hitherto back-pedalling South Africans hit back with a second converted touchdown for a haul of 14 points – exactly as was the case in Durban – at a stroke reducing the Welsh lead to three points and making the halftime score 14-17.

It could, of course, have been much worse and with Wales thankfully restored to their full complement, they resumed their all-out offensive after the interval – and were rewarded when hooker Ken Owens forced his way over near the posts for Biggar to add the easy conversion.

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Steyn promptly hit back with a penalty, but when the increasingly desperate South Africans were again penalised, Biggar slotted over to further widen the score-line to 17-27.

When inspirational skipper Alun Wyn

Jones was taken out in the air (which surely on consistency grounds alone should have brought a red card, for it was potentially a far more serious incident than Welsh skipper Sam Warburton's red card dismissal in the Rugby World Cup), Wales seemed to be heading for that historic win at long last – with the scoreboard now amazingly reading 17-30.

Then with just eight minutes remaining to

Then with just eight minutes remaining to the final whistle, lurking danger man Willie le Roux, who had tormented Wales in the first test at Durban, struck again, gliding sinuously through for a try converted by Steyn, to narrow the margin to six points at 24-30.

Now with time fast running out, both sides knew that just one converted Springbok try would yet decide the outcome of a match that for so long had not seemed in doubt.

And so it proved, with the dramatic scenes at the end, as the referee ignored Alun Wyn's protests and ran to the posts to award the second penalty try that finally sank their hopes. There was a strong sense of deja vu, as not for the first time Wales had seen a big southern hemisphere scalp slip tantalisingly through their fingers, just when they thought it was within their grasp.

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The bitterly disappointed Welsh camp could be forgiven for giving way to despair, knowing that if the situation had been reversed, there was no way a southern hemisphere side would have failed to close out a match after building a 30-17 lead, with the clock counting down to the final minutes.

It has been an all too familiar story in recent years, and Gatland's concern is understandable, with the Rugby World Cup storting to loop on the distort horizon

starting to loom on the distant horizon.

However, Nelsprit has confirmed his belief that, despite all the turbulence and distractions on and off the field that have plagued Welsh rugby recently, he still has a highly-competitive squad fully capable of mounting a realistic challenge in 2015.